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proposal hits King's Square - SEE PAGE 6**

**A-Level results delight for local
school pupils - SEE PAGES 4 AND 9**

Sam's charity bike ride with a real difference

One of the more pleasurable
parts of Sam's journey was
cycling along canal towpaths.



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A LOCAL man came up with an original take on the traditional charity bike ride when he decided to cycle from Liverpool to Barry using just one gear.

It meant Sam Mansbridge's 196-mile challenge became more gruelling than he could have ever imagined.

Sam (21) a former pupil at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg currently living in Liverpool, hopes to develop a career in film production. He put those skills to good use in producing a slick 15-minute video featured on YouTube called 'Sam's Liverpool to Barry Bike Ride'.

The ride raised £615 for Mind, the mental health charity. He said: "I did not realise how hilly and tough it would be. Riding using one gear was a big challenge and meant I couldn't cycle up some hills and had to get off the bike and walk them."

On the way out of Merseyside he was able to use cycle lanes before moving on to a more picturesque setting: "It's nice to ride beside canals but it's very frustrating when you come across barricades with the towpath closed."

At 30 miles he was suffering from sore legs, but got an unexpected burst of energy and enjoyed riding the country lanes.

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High Street traders' petition against new parking charges



HIGH STREET traders have launched a campaign against the proposed introduction of on-street parking charges by the Vale Council - charges which are currently subject to a consultation.

The consultation started on August 6 and runs until September 28. Details of the proposals are on the council website.

The traders say they are publicising their campaign on social media and through a paper petition to encourage businesses and the public to express their concern that on-street parking charges will be detrimental to the High Street.

Local trader Fay Blakeley, who owns Homemade Wales, said: "As far

as we can see from the Vale Council website, the parking strategy proposes bringing in charges after the first hour of parking.

"Currently on High Street, there is two-hour restricted parking but for those first two hours, it is free to park."

"We know that the Monday to Friday visitors to the street are often elderly or parents with young children, and that one hour is not long enough."

"It doesn't allow time to visit multiple shops or to enjoy a cup of coffee in one of the cafes."

"It feels very unfair to penalise the locals who support the street day in day out. The sad fact is, if they have to pay after one hour, they'll just go elsewhere."

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A petition opposing on-street car parking charges in High Street, supported by business people and local residents, is available in local shops.

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Council ordure orders should include horses



I AM writing in relation to horses on Whitmore Bay on Sunday, August 19.

On attending at the promenade, I saw two horses on the busy beach. Despite poor weather conditions, there were coach loads of visitors to the Island, including young families enjoying the beach and waterfront.

The horses were in and out of the waters edge, and appeared skittish with the breaking waves.

I noted that there were several piles of horse dung on the beach and

on the footpath to Friars Point.

While I appreciate that horse faeces is biodegradable, I would not want my children to be crawling through it while playing in the sand.

In light of the recent Vale Council orders in relation to dogs, I think the orders should also include horses, especially in crowded areas like the beach front.

As a responsible dog owner who picks up after my dog, I do not see why horse owners can not do the same.

Mark Bailey, Barry.

Thanks for the return of wallet

MAY I, through your newspaper, belatedly thank the lady who nearly a month ago found my credit card wallet at the St Hilary bus stop and took it to the Manor House, which I regularly visit in the village.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Neil Workman,
Cowbridge.

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Has White Farm been left to its own devices?

IN response to the letter 'What is happening to White Farm', I am a resident on White Farm and I too feel let down by the council and Persimmon.

As such I would like to bring everyone briefly up to speed with what I have done so far as we appear to have been left to our own devices by the powers that be.

Earlier this year I held a meeting with Richard Keogh (a Persimmon director) and Cllr Leighton Rowlands. The local MP Alun Cairns was invited but could not attend.

I took them on a site walk, pointed out all problems and safety issues and then sent them minutes of this meeting. As such I was able to obtain fencing on the steep level changes at the bottom of the site.

I walked the path with the completions manager and the landscaper to ensure that the fence was put in the right place. I am still waiting for them to install mature shrubs where fencing was inappropriate.

Persimmon have agreed to look into communication problems between themselves and residents.

They have also agreed to replace bricked road areas with tarmac and to check all pavements too – to repair and replace any faults. Weeding will

Who is taking ribbons from Friendship Tree?

LAST year my darling daughter passed away.

I took long winter walks to comfort me, often ending at the beautiful Knap Gardens. We had spent a lot of the summer here feeding the ducks and admiring the special Friendship Tree with its pretty ribbons.

So, it seemed natural to start placing my own ribbons on the tree to mark birthdays and Christmas, special days.

This July on one such walk I noticed that my ribbons had been cut very short and some even removed.

I was so upset and couldn't comprehend why such a thing had happened. I decided to

replace the ribbons hoping it was a one-off incident by pranksters.

However over the last five weeks this has occurred more often and now all of my mementos and ribbons have been removed, along with other people's. Ribbons, ornaments and even cherished photos have been taken.

I have informed the police, the park keepers and also Glynn Pooley and I ask that the community please spread the word to deter this from continuing to happen.

The people of Barry cherish this tree and it needs our help to keep it safe.

(Name and address supplied.)

begin to take place again.

They will be addressing the steps at the easternmost local authority play area, due to overly sloping treads and uneven risers which could easily cause an accident.

Cllr Rowlands informed me that he would look into funding to improve the play park which I am sure we can all agree is awful and not up to standard; I have yet to hear anything back about this but I will continue to work at this too.

I have regularly tried to keep our councillors and Alun Cairns up to date with what is happening and what I have done, but with a very limited response; in some cases no response.

We are being left to assume that hopefully the wheels of power are turning to help us. It would be nice to see a public response from our elected representatives.

Keep going White Farm, I am sure that we will get there in the end if we carry on working together!

Nicola Clynnes, Barry.
In reply, Cllrs Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands responded:

Residents are right to raise concerns about the state of White Farm.

Indeed, the failure by Persimmon to make meaningful progress – despite a number of meetings and promises – is hugely frustrating for us both as Dyfan Ward councillors.

We stand by what we said before our election, and we still want to see the Vale Council adopting the estate. We can also promise that we will continue to fight for the improvements residents deserve.

We understand Mrs Clynnes' concerns and it does feel like we are all banging our heads against a brick wall – it must be incredibly frustrating for her, and for others on the estate.

Local residents pay rates the same as everyone else, and they should be entitled to receive the same service as other ratepayers. But the council has a duty to ensure that Persimmon fulfils its end of the bargain before adoption can take place.

There are clear issues with the standard of work on White Farm, and we have raised complaints about the state of the estate's crumbling roads, serious problems caused by the terrible snow last winter, and things like road signs and loose manhole covers which disturb residents at all times of the day and night.

We hope that Persimmon will read this letter and others like it and understand the frustration that residents are facing.

But, more than that, we would hope that planning officers at the Vale would take these issues into consideration when developers seek permission for new estates.

As Mr White (GEM, August 9) attests, it is not unreasonable to ask for existing defects to be remedied before property developers are allowed to start huge new schemes elsewhere.

'Make new school a Welsh speaking one'

THE Welsh Government's policy of having a million speakers by 2050 will be put to the test in the Vale next month.

It is anticipated that a decision will be taken on the language medium of the new school, which will be built as part of the Waterfront development in Barry.

This will be an important litmus test of how local authorities and planners perceive their role in terms of delivering this policy, and their overall commitment to promoting the Welsh language.

The Vale Council's track record in terms of supporting the growth of Welsh medium education is strong, but in recent years has stagnated.

RhAG calls on the council to designate the new Waterfront school as Welsh medium.

It offers a golden opportunity to relocate Ysgol Sant Baruc to a 'fit for purpose' building and could allow all children in Barry to be within walking distance of a Welsh language primary school – including Barry Island children – for the first time.

This would also make a major contribution towards the 2030 Welsh Government target to increase Welsh medium places by a third.

The Welsh language can and should be a central building block of new housing developments; this is a watershed moment for Barry and will set a significant precedent in terms of other urban developments across Wales.

Over to you Vale Council...

Ceri McEvoy,
Rhieni dros Addysg Gymraeg
(Parents for Welsh medium Education).

Electricity switch in dump protest

I HAVE recently switched my electricity account from EDF energy to another supplier.

This is the least I can do to register my protest at the prospect of radioactive waste mud being dumped off the coast of the Vale by EDF energy.

The EDF website says it derives 76.9 per cent – against a national average of 21 per cent – from nuclear sources, whereas the other supplier derives 5.58 per cent of electricity from nuclear sources. Your own energy supplier is legally obliged to publish these percentages, so check them out.

Please support Dr Max Wallis' petition against the dumping featured in The GEM recently. Dr Wallis has a Ph.D in physics and is an expert on matters related to nuclear radiation.

Write to your MPs, AMs and councillors, most of whom are so far shamefully silent on nuclear waste dumping in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Philip Rapier, Penarth.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
23 Thur	05.27	8.3	17.51	8.5
24 Fri	06.14	8.7	18.32	8.9
25 Sat	06.53	9.1	19.09	9.3
26 Sun	07.26	9.3	19.42	9.5
27 Mon	07.58	9.6	20.14	9.7
28 Tues	08.31	9.6	20.46	9.7
29 Wed	09.03	9.7	21.19	9.6
30 Thur	09.33	9.4	21.52	9.5

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HSE prohibits operation of Cyclone ride



The Cyclone ride has been constructed but needs testing and pre-start documentation to be completed so it can operate. IMAGE by JODIE WOOLLEY.

THE Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has told Barry Island Pleasure Park owner Henry Danter that the new Cyclone roller coaster ride cannot operate until all the necessary testing and pre-start documentation has been completed.

Mr Danter told The GEM that the Cyclone ride is made in Italy by SBF machines, but British safety standards require extra documentation which was being worked through.

It took three weeks to construct the Cyclone ride in July and when it is in operation, it will travel at 45mph.

A spokesperson for the HSE explained: "We have been in contact with the fairground operator regarding

the Cyclone roller coaster ride at Barry Island Pleasure Park and have taken the decision to prohibit the ride from being operated until all necessary testing and pre-start documentation, such as the 'Design Review', 'Assessment of Conformity to Design' and 'Declaration of Conformity' (relating to initial and annual testing) is available for inspection.

"The carrying out of such tests, and the provision of documentation, is a matter for both the ride owner or operator and a ride examiner from a registered inspection body."

Mr Danter said that the ride had generated a lot of interest, but the verification process could not be rushed.

TC

Sam's charity ride

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But the A483 leading to Llandrindod Wells, where he planned to stay the night, proved too dangerous.

"After riding on the road for 10 minutes I felt incredibly vulnerable and I knew I had to find a different route or something bad was going to happen."

On the first day he completed 106 miles, but from the 75-mile mark he suffered as the Welsh hills took their toll on his body.

The next day he left his hotel at 9am hoping to reach Barry by 6pm, but he had to traverse the Brecon Beacons, the most testing stretch of the ride.

"When I beat Brecon I knew the hardest part of the journey was over. It felt like I was in Barry even though I was 50 miles away."

With an aching body and in darkness, he finally arrived in the Porthkerry area of Barry to the cheers of his family at a quarter to midnight.

"I had the biggest feeling of relief. It didn't sink in what I'd achieved until I edited the video."

He added: "I want to thank everybody who made a contribution to Mind."

If anyone wants to add a donation, go to 'Just Giving' and search for 'Liverpool to Barry charity bike ride'.



Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery has been awarded Green Flag status for the third year running.

Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery awarded a Green Flag

LAST month, Keep Wales Tidy unveiled this year's Green Flag Award winners.

A record-breaking 201 parks and green spaces, including universities, cemeteries, woodlands and allotments across Wales met the high standards needed to receive the coveted Green Flag Award and Green Flag Community Award.

The flag will fly at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery in recognition of its excellent facilities and commitment to delivering great quality green space.

Barry Town Council own and manage Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and have been successful in achieving Green Flag Status for the third year running.

A council spokeswoman said: "The council is extremely proud of this achievement and would like to thank the staff involved for all their hard work over the past 12 months, without whom this would not have been achieved."

"The council and its staff continue to improve the appearance and the services of the cemetery and later this year, there will be a new scatter garden, along with soft landscaping around the recently purchased Sanctum Panorama."

"There are also plans to introduce bee hives into the cemetery in readiness for bees to be housed in 2019."

See earlier editions of The GEM for full details.

Jaguar is sought after serious RTC

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for witnesses following a serious injury road traffic collision that occurred at approximately 2.10am on Saturday, August 18 on the A4055 Cardiff Road between the McDonalds roundabout and the skate park at Dinas Powys.

A beige coloured Skoda Superb and a grey coloured Seat Leon were in collision, the driver of both vehicles were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

The road was closed for

approximately six hours to allow for investigation work.

South Wales Police would like to speak with any witnesses to the collision, anyone who may have dash cam footage of the incident or anyone who witnessed the manner of driving of the vehicles prior to the collision, especially the driver of a Jaguar vehicle which would have witnessed the manner of driving of the Seat vehicle prior to the collision but left before police arrived. Please could witnesses contact the Roads Policing unit at Lakeside Police station on 011 quoting occurrence 1800313761.

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'Voices for Conner' hosts final rehearsal

'VOICES for Conner' is a summer singing project in support of A Voice For Conner, the campaign for improved probation services for victims established by the family of murdered teenager Conner Marshall.

Voices for Conner is a group of singers formed specially to stage a concert on

August 30, from 6pm to 7pm in Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Barry.

The remaining rehearsal date is Wednesday, August 29 from 4pm - 5pm in Trinity Church.

Voices for Conner will be performing a selection of modern songs and also includes local soloists and the talented musician David George Harrington.

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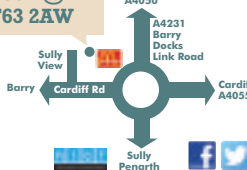
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Barry Comprehensive School pupils celebrate yet another outstanding set of results

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Checking the results.



PUPILS at Barry Comprehensive School are celebrating what a spokesperson called "... another outstanding set of A Level results".

The sixth formers are the final year group to complete their A Levels at Barry Comprehensive before the school closes to make way for Whitmore High School in September.

Headteacher Gerard McNamara said, "I am very proud of our A-Level pupils today. "Through their hard work over the last two years, inspired by our passionate teachers the next opportunity of their exciting young lives has opened. Every pupil who applied to university has secured a place."

A selection of the achievements include: Chris Neale four As at A Level and an A in further maths at AS Level. He will be studying mathematics with International Studies at the University of Nottingham;

James Hamer achieved an A* and three As, and will be taking a gap year before

continuing his studies in geology;

Charlotte Davidson achieved A* A B and will be studying business management at Cardiff University;

Jack Hildrup achieved two As and two Bs. He will be studying geology at Cardiff University;

Megan Hewitson achieved Distinction* A A B, and will be studying business management (marketing with professional placement) at Cardiff University;

Emily Owen achieved Distinction* A B and will be studying accounting & finance at Swansea University;

Daniel Ellis achieved an A* and three Bs and will be studying international politics & military history at Aberystwyth University;

Joseph Garnett achieved an A* and three Bs and will be studying computer science at Cardiff University; and Lucy Dee achieved A and three Bs, and will be studying nursing at Cardiff University.

**Andrew Clissett,
Barry Comprehensive School**

Rotary supports Stroke Relief

AS part of their ongoing commitment to support their local community, members of the Rotary Club of Barry supported Stroke Relief by offering free blood pressure tests at the Vale Show.

Visitors to the show had the opportunity to call in to one of the three Barry Rotary Club stands where First Responders were on hand to carry out the free checks.

In addition to this, on their second stand, the club also provided support for the Royal

British Legion.

The club's third stand was a coconut shy which raised money for local charities including the Vale Foodbank.

The Rotary Club of Barry would like to thank the general public for their continued support enabling them to help so many worthwhile causes.

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'Oakfest event celebrates life – and fighting against cancer'

A VALE mum of two who underwent life-saving treatment for cancer twice is hosting a charity event called Oakfest in the village of Llanmaes this Saturday, August 25.

Llinos Griffin-Williams (35) understands the emotional impact having cancer can have on someone and is keen to raise funds for CLIC Sargent and Cancer Research UK.

At 16 years old, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. At the time she was living in north Wales and had to travel to Manchester for radiotherapy. She later received the all clear.

But eight years later the cancer came back and she went to the University Hospital of Wales for a gruelling six-month course of chemotherapy.

Llinos recovered and is now married to Peter and has two children Ani, aged four, and Gwenna, aged nine months.

But she hasn't forgotten what it felt like to battle cancer at a young age. It explains why Oakfest – and the causes it seeks to support – are so close to her heart.

"The festival is to celebrate life – and dedicated in memory of a friend of mine, Aislinn, who passed away.

"She taught me that you never stop fighting no matter how tough the odds. We want to raise as much cash as we can for children and young people affected by cancer.

"Dealing with cancer at any age is tough but it brings with it a special set of challenges when you're young.

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Llinos Griffin-Williams with her daughter Ani.

more children and young people will hear the devastating news that they have cancer.

"From diagnosis, CLIC Sargent's specialist care teams step in, ready to help, support and guide. They provide a specialist package of support tailored to each young cancer patient, their siblings and family.

"The charity also supports bereaved families."

Llinos says an army of local volunteers have helped to make Oakfest a reality. "I want to thank the Llanmaes community who have really got behind Oakfest – it's going to have a real family feel.

"The Thomas family have kindly allowed the festival to be on their land and Alun Griffiths Construction stepped forward as lead sponsors

of the event."

Oakfest opens at 1pm and goes on until 6pm. There will be live music, face-painting, yoga and massages, a bar for adults, an appearance by No Fit State Circus, tractor rides, an appearance from Marshall of Paw Patrol, a vintage tea room and lots more.

The event will take over the whole village including local fields, the village green and The Blacksmith's Arms (late music). Children are free and it's £3 for adults.

For more information on the two causes go to: www.clicsargent.org.uk; cancerresearchuk.org. If you can't make the festival but still want to donate the Just Giving page is: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oakfest1.

The Merchant Navy will be honoured at Barry ceremony



Paddle Steamer PS Barry, built for and named after the town, that fulfilled her day tripping duties in peacetime and was called to arms twice for both World Wars; surviving World War One serving as far as Gallipoli and Dunkirk in World War Two, lost in an enemy attack a year later.

A CEREMONY will be held to honour members of the Merchant Navy and remember those of the earlier and World War One Mercantile Marine at the Merchant Navy Memorial, Barry.

The 23-foot high monument in Portland stone was created in 1996 and commemorates the merchant seamen of Barry and the Vale who died in the First and Second World Wars, and bears plaques in tribute and records their names.

The Anchor Memorial at the old dock side pays tribute to all seafarers; many sailed from the port but did not return.

Our veterans did not

forget about us – let's not forget about them.

Barry has been noted as being a former Merchant Navy town, our historic port once described as the 'Gateway to the World'. During conflict, together with other south Wales ports, the part that Barry and her docks played was vital.

The Vale Council, along with the local branches of the Merchant Navy Association, Royal British Legion and other supporters, commemorates Merchant Navy Day every year.

The local authority will fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day and both remember and honour the Merchant seafarers.

This year, the ceremony will be held on

Friday, August 31 ahead of the official day on Monday, September 3.

In wartime Britain depended on civilian cargo ships to import food and raw materials, as well as transport soldiers overseas and keep them supplied. The title 'Merchant Navy' was granted by King George V after the First World War to recognise the contribution made by merchant sailors.

Britain's merchant fleet was the largest in the world during both world wars. In 1939, a third of the world's merchant ships were British, and there were some 200,000 sailors. Many British merchant seamen came from parts of the British Empire, such as India, Hong Kong and West African countries. Women also sometimes served at sea in the Merchant Navy.

During both world wars, Germany operated a policy of 'unrestricted submarine warfare', or sinking merchant vessels on sight. Early in World War One an average of more than 13 ships were being sunk each day. By the end of the war, more than 3,000 British flagged merchant and fishing vessels had been sunk and nearly 15,000



The memorial at Barry.

merchant seamen had died.

During the Second World War, 4,700 British-flagged ships were sunk and more than 29,000 merchant seamen died.

Since the Second World War, the British Merchant Navy has become steadily smaller but has continued to help in wartime, notably during the Falklands War. More recently, merchant seamen have been vulnerable to pirate attacks in the Indian Ocean.

For the fourth year running, Seafarers UK has campaigned for the Red Ensign – the UK Merchant Navy's official flag – to be flown for September 3 on civic buildings and landmark flagpoles across the UK.

The principal Merchant Navy Day service in the UK takes place at the National Merchant Navy Memorial in Trinity Square Gardens on Tower Hill, London at 12.30pm on Sunday, September 9. Organised by the Merchant Navy Association, it is held

there each year on the Sunday immediately following Merchant Navy Day.

The memorial bears the names of 35,842 merchant seafarers, men and women, civilians all, from the First and Second World Wars, together with the Falklands Campaign for whom there is no grave but the sea. It is in the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The local Merchant Navy Association branch ask that local residents support the Merchant Navy and Mercantile Marine friends. The service to mark Merchant Navy Day, raise the 'Red Duster' and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service.

The service takes place on Friday, August 31 from 10am until 10.30am at the Merchant Navy Monument, Vale of Glamorgan Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

KEITH GREENWAY

PACT meetings

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Cuppa with a copper at Atlantic Café, Wimbourne Road, Barry, on Tuesday, September 4 between 12 noon and 2pm. Meet your local

officers at Penarth Library on Thursday, August 23 at 10am.

Meet your local PCSO for a coffee and chat on Tuesday, August 28 at the Star Inn, Wick, at 11am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

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Barry Action for Nature is launched



The youngest and oldest members of Barry Action for Nature with wildlife presenter, Iolo Williams, from left to right, Jane Allely with her grandchildren, Riley (aged one), Ella (aged nine) Iolo Williams and Josie (aged 89) and Joe (aged 90).

THE launch of a new wildlife conservation group, Barry Action for Nature (BAN), which will be centred in and around the town of Barry, took place on August 17.

Naturalist and TV presenter Iolo Williams helped launch the group at the Forest Lodge in Porthkerry Country Park, and the new group received a letter from the broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough.

Over 60 people attended the event and such was the enthusiasm for the venture, organisers ran out of application forms.

It was reported that more than 45 people joined the group on the day.

BAN will combine campaigning, fundraising and voluntary action to protect the remaining local wildlife population and natural habitat.

There was an environmental touch to the launch – those present were urged to take home one of over 50 native tree saplings to plant in their gardens to help support future wildlife.

In his talk, Mr Williams welcomed the formation of the group and questioned why other towns in Wales had

no similar groups helping to protect local wildlife.

He praised the group for its aim to work with local government but to also be willing to stand up to local councils if they believe policies would damage nature.

The founder of BAN, Rob Curtis, told The GEM: "It was wonderful to see so many Barry people wanting to do something the help defend local nature."

"The group will be strictly non-political and we will be hoping to work with both the Vale Council and Barry Town Council but will also scrutinise their policies to ensure that they do not damage local wildlife."

"We really appreciated the support of wildlife champion Iolo Williams and everyone was inspired by his talk."

"We were also grateful to receive written support from Sir David Attenborough."

"If people want to help defend local nature then please consider joining Barry Action for Nature."

Search online for more details.

Could a clean beach have lead to a dolphin's death?

A LOCAL man has described the efforts made by walkers when they found a beached dolphin on Gileston Beach.

Those efforts proved to be in vain as the dolphin was later described by a vet as "malnourished" and very ill.

A Striped dolphin was found beached by two dog walkers, Peter and Linda, at approximately 2.30pm as the tide was going out.

In a bitterly ironic twist, Peter suggested that the beach being free of discarded plastic bottles may have led to the death of the dolphin.

He said: "The beach is usually littered with bottles and containers but the beach clean-up groups have done so well we couldn't find much to keep the dolphin moist."

"I had to borrow a watering can from a nearby guesthouse."

Two St Athan locals, David Elston and his partner Rebecca, arrived on the scene while Peter searched for containers.

Mr Elston said: "Once Peter returned with a watering can and some bottles, we began moving rocks away from the dolphin to stop it

cutting itself.

"The Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme and other specialists, including a vet, attended the scene after some phone calls were made and an attempt to make the dolphin more comfortable was made by all parties by lifting the dolphin with a tarpaulin and holding it in the sea."

"Once the vet diagnosed the dolphin it was found to be very malnourished, possibly unwell and seemingly still a calf dependent on its mother."

"As the hours went on, it would no longer open its eyes and the decision was taken to put to rest the dolphin."

"The body will be taken to be studied and hopefully find a cause of death [other than being destroyed] to help save future dolphins and learn more about the species."

He added that professionals advise, if a dolphin is found, to keep it wet with sea weed and sea water but prevent water entering the blowhole, and keep away from the blowhole in general to prevent catching diseases from the dolphin.

Brownies go camping

THE 3rd Cadroxton Brownies braved the rain after the heatwave for an outdoor expedition.

A total of 18 brownies, two guides and five leaders went on the camp, which had a pirate theme. The Sixer tents were Black Pearl, Flying Dutchman and the Empress.

The Guides would like to express their appreciation to Lloyds Banking Group for match funding to help buy new tents.



Some of the Brownie campers.

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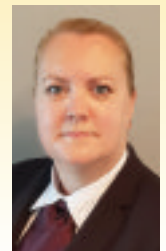


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'Crash and delays highlight the need for bypass'

THE chair of the Dinas Bypass Steering Group has said an accident on August 17 on the main road out of the village has emphasised the need for a bypass.

The drivers of two cars had to be cut from their vehicles and they were taken to hospital with serious injuries. The road was closed for nearly seven hours with traffic diverted through single-track country lanes.

Rod Harrod, the steering group chair, told The GEM that there was an old saying in politics that "a week is a long time in politics", so it was ironic to reflect on the fact that former Vale MP John Smith had written to a Dinas constituent as long ago as 1992 raising concerns that improvements should be made to the main road "before there is a serious accident and without detracting from the provision of a much-needed bypass."

Mr Harrod said: "Mr Smith said he would 'get the authority (South Glamorgan County Council at the time) to carry out another review of the situation and introduce immediate measures, such as a weight restriction, safer crossing points and traffic calming'."

"Now, after numerous reviews over the ensuing years, the latest, a draft report of Stage 2 of the Welsh Government's WeTAG study into transport problems through Dinas Powys, is

due to be made available for public consultation during October.

"Even in 1992 Mr Smith emphasised that problems had got considerably worse since the opening of the road leading from the Merrie Harrier down to the Baron's Court."

Mr Harrod explained that in addition to that road there has been extra traffic generated from the M4-Cardiff Bay link road, the trebling in size of Llandough Hospital, which still has a single entrance, along with new housing developments.

(A total of 335 extra houses are being built in Dinas and when Barry's Waterfront is complete there will be 4,000 homes.)

Mr Harrod said: "All of these people and more will expect to use the main road through Dinas."

"These houses were all included in the local development plan and granted outline planning permission during the last administration. But Vale officers have emphasised there is no feasible way of improving the Murch-Cariff Road traffic light junction and thereby increasing the capacity of Cardiff Road through Dinas."

"Cardiff Road in Dinas is currently an 'A' road, which prevents things like weight and speed restrictions and traffic calming being applied."

"However, if a bypass is built it would become the 'A' road and Cardiff Road, like Redlands Road in Penarth, would become a 'B' road. The

advantage of this would be that the restrictions could then apply to the Dinas Powys road."

Mr Harrod also pointed out that at around the same time as Mr Smith's letter, the director of highways of South Glamorgan County Council also told a resident that "the only effective solution to the problems of Dinas Powys is the construction of the bypass."

Mr Harrod explained: "He said the scheme had been approved by the county council several years earlier (in the 1980s) but had been 'continually delayed' because of funding issues."

"Last month Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport in the Welsh Government wrote to Vale Labour AM, Jane Hutt updating her on the WeTAG study."

"He wrote about 'either improving the existing corridor through Cardiff Road, or an alternative identified within the WeTAG Stage 1 and 2 appraisals'. However, he also referred to 'currently insufficient funding'."

"Two of the four options on the Stage 2 short-list include a bypass."

"My steering group colleague, Roger Pattenden, and I met with Jane Hutt several weeks ago. She ventured that unfortunately there is nowhere to build a safe and continuous cycle path or walkway along the main road through Dinas Powys."

"However, both could be included along any bypass scheme."

Mr Harrod added: "Are we to wait another 26 years with more serious accidents before the bypass is actually built? Every political party, plus the public who elected them, has expressed the need. Can there really be any individuals who still think it's not required?"

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Sweet surprise as flashmob proposal hits King's Square



THE secret is out.

Saturday at 1pm in King Square, Barry, saw some of the girls from Candyshop Burlesque and Fitness spring from nowhere for a different kind of flashmob: a proposal.

Anna Prince of Candyshop Burlesque

told The GEM: "We got to the square early to set up and it was empty!"

"Then, all of a sudden, by 12.55pm, there were hundreds of people waiting."

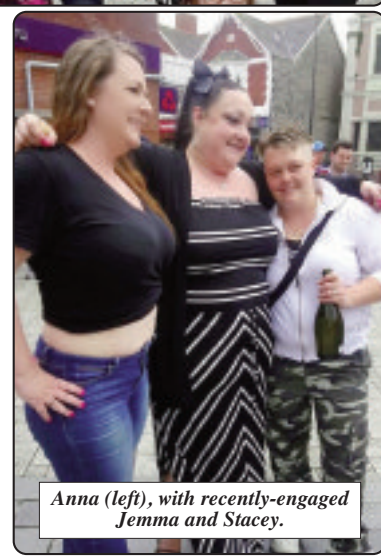
When the clock struck one I ran into the middle of the square and started it off!

"Jemma - who was proposing - only just got there in time and her partner Stacey had no idea. She was blown away by the flashmob, and the proposal!"

And what did Stacey say?

The answer was "Yes", much to the delight (and relief) of all, and the The GEM sends its best wishes to the couple.

Ever wanted to try your hand at burlesque? Contact Anna by searching for Candys Dance and Burlesque on Facebook, where Anna also details the charitable work she and the girls have done that has raised thousands of pounds for charity over the years. To see the video, shot by Robert Jenkins, visit https://youtu.be/ThYkuh_waxk.



Anna (left), with recently-engaged Jemma and Stacey.

'Vale A-Level results better than last year'

VALE schools again performed well in A Level examinations, with a greater number of pupils achieving A* and A grades.

The proportion of pupils awarded A* grades was 10.4 per cent, up 2.2 per cent on last year, while 29 per cent received A* or A grades, an increase of 0.9 per cent compared to 12 months ago.

In the Vale, 76.7 per cent of entries achieved A* to C grades, again above the average in Wales, with 96.5 per cent gaining a pass.

Figures for AS levels reveal 17.4 per cent of pupils received an A grade, 60.3 per cent were awarded A to C Grades and 89.8 per cent of entries resulted in a pass. These figures do not include results for the Welsh Baccalaureate or vocational subjects.

Some Vale schools also achieved noteworthy individual successes.

Llantwit Comprehensive saw a 10-per-cent rise in the number of pupils receiving A* and A grades, while Cowbridge Comprehensive recorded a 9-per-cent improvement in this area and 3-per-cent increase in pupils gaining A* to C grades.

Three per cent more Barry Comprehensive pupils recorded A* and A grades compared to a year ago and the figure for those achieving A* to C grades was 2 per cent higher.

The proportion of entries from St Cyres awarded grades A* to C grades rose by 9 per cent and Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Comprehensive posted 7-per-cent improvements in pupils receiving both A* and A and A* to C grades.

Will banning letters deter public defecation?

ANTI-social behaviour (ASB) will not be tolerated in Penarth, say the town's officers.

There have been a number of incidents of ASB reported in Rectory Road Lane in the past month.

A 63-year-old man was given a caution for assault after punching a man who confronted him about defecating outside the man's house.

A 41-year-old man who defecated outside a house in the lane has been given an ASB referral and a banning letter from using the lane. Three teenagers have also been given anti-social behaviour referrals after they urinated outside a house.

Local officers are using anti-social behaviour legislation to ban people who are causing problems from using the lane.

The Safer Vale Partnership, which includes South Wales

Police and the local authority, will be issuing banning letters to anyone participating in street drinking, verbal abuse, littering and urinating in the lane.

The proposed ban would be for a minimum of six months.

Sergeant Julie Madoc-Smith, of Penarth Police Station, said: "We understand the impact anti-social behaviour can have on the community and we take incidents of anti-social behaviour very seriously."

"Urinating and defecating in public is unsightly and blights the image of the town. It will not be tolerated by us or the Safer Vale partnership."

"We will adopt a zero tolerance approach and continue our partnership work to make the town welcoming and enjoyable for everyone."

"Anyone with any information on anti-social behaviour can report it by calling 101."

September is history month in Penarth

FOLLOWING the success of the first Penarth History Month in 2017 there is another series of walks, talks and open days celebrating our heritage.

Launch day is Saturday, September 1, at Station approach with what is already the traditional Glass by Design window display, heralding the start of History Month. Linking to Wales Year of The Sea the window celebrates the Welsh dinosaur find of 2014.

Foxy's are hosting an exhibition of Penarth images and distributing the Station Approach History Walk guide.

The opening weekend continues in the evening with a talk at 7pm by Dr Christopher Riley at Waterloo Tea on the Pier. The talk traces the process of moulding Penarth into a Victorian seaside town.

History month continues with talks on our maritime history, with fossil walks, exhibitions and tours looking at stages of Penarth's development.

The highlight will be the Grand Victorian Stroll dress-up day on Sunday, September 23 at 1pm. The public are urged to get their creative and sewing skills going and stroll the Esplanade and seafront gardens in their finery.

Penarth History Month is organised by Penarth Tourism and Visitor Society with support from Penarth Civic Society and Penarth View.

See Penarth View online, Penarth Civic Society online and leaflets and posters around town for further details of events.

Don't forget - Be a Tourist in Your Own Town.

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Traders against new parking charges

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Fay continued: "The traders have been working closely with Barry Town Council and the Shop Local campaign over the past year to try and regenerate the High Street through marketing and events, such as the recent summer fair, but this strategy, spear-headed by the Vale Council, just seems to undermine all that hard work."

She added: "It's crucial that the public have their say. The implications

of this strategy are far reaching and will affect everyone who lives or works in the town."

The traders are urging the public to have their say by visiting the Vale of Glamorgan website and completing the Draft Parking Strategy Consultation Survey at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/consultation/Draft-Parking-Strategy-Consultation.aspx

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Another record year for A Level results at CAVC

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) is celebrating what a spokesperson described as "... another record year of success with more students than ever before" achieving their AS and A Level

qualifications.

The spokesperson said: "CAVC saw more students sit A and AS Level exams than ever before and the results maintain its commitment to providing a high level of quality of A Level education."

The spokesperson said that several subjects, including further mathematics and photographs, have recorded 100-per-cent pass rates.

Some CAVC students will progress to leading universities, including Oxbridge colleges.

Many subjects saw more than 50 per cent of students gain A*-B grades.

One of CAVC's highest achievers for 2017-18, Bethan Hearne from Penarth, has secured a place at Oxford University to read psychology by achieving A* grades in psychology and biology and As in maths and the Welsh



No prizes for guessing where Bethan Hearne, of Penarth, will study.

Baccalaureate.

"I don't really know how I feel yet, but I am happy!" said Miss Hearne.

"I wasn't expecting it, and I'm looking forward to the next three years, carrying on studying something I enjoy."

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St Cyres pupils perform 'exceptionally well' in A-Levels



ST Cyres' A Level pupils have once more performed what a spokesperson termed "exceptionally well" in their examinations said a spokesperson.

The school reported 23 per cent of grades being at A* and A, and 83 per cent of the school's results were graded A* to C.

This, said the spokesperson, is the highest in the school's history, and 14 per cent higher than in 2017.

All pupils entered for the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Challenge Skills Certificate achieved the qualification, with 29 per cent of

pupils achieving A*/A, which is double the figure for 2017.

In addition, a number of Year 12 pupils achieved success in their AS examinations.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, headteacher, praised pupils and staff.

He said: "Our year-13 pupils have risen to the challenges we have set them and we are incredibly proud of them."

"I congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well in the next stage of their lives."

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Stanwell School celebrates another year of excellence

STAFF and pupils at Stanwell School, Penarth, are celebrating another year of "excellent" results after the A-Level results were released this morning (Thursday).

A school spokesperson said: "It has been another hugely successful morning for Stanwell sixth form pupils as they received their A-Level and AS examination results."

"Everyone at Stanwell is delighted that so many year-13 pupils have secured places at their first choice universities, and very proud of the impressive results achieved by so many students."

"The results are a testimony to the effort and commitment shown by students and staff and stand as further confirmation that excellent standards in learning and teaching continue to be at the forefront of the school's ethos."

"At A level, 37 per cent of all grades were A* or A, with 83 per



Rose Wilcox, Ffion Blunsdon, Anna Pringle, Sophie Chapman and Megan Jenkins.

cent of the year group achieving A* to C overall.

"Of particular note, students studying mathematics were awarded 58 A* or A grades (58 per cent of entry). In addition, the art, chemistry, drama, English literature, film studies, German, media studies, medical science and physics departments were also very pleased with the students' results, where 75%, 83%, 82%, 76%, 79%, 100%, 78%, 71% and 84% of the candidates secured A* to B respectively."

"Overall, there were a very impressive 89 A*

grades (11 per cent of entry) and 527 A* to B grades (65 per cent of entry including the Welsh Baccalaureate). Furthermore, 223 students (95 per cent) achieved the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate as part of the Welsh Baccalaureate.

"Excellent A-Level results have once again put Stanwell students among the top performers in Wales, with many individuals securing truly exceptional grades. 61 students (26 per cent) achieved the equivalent of three A grades or better. The school would like to congratulate all students in the 2018 cohort, including, of course, our highest achievers: Daniel Anderton (4

A* grades); Lucia Cavaliere (4 A*); Samuel Svendsen (4 A*); Samuel Stapleton (4 A* 1 A); Henry Waddon (4 A*, 1 A); Daniel Holman (4 A*, 1 B); Robert Brown (3 A*, 1 A); Caitlin Duggan (3 A*, 1 A); Annie Higgins (3 A*, 1 A); Amy Webber (3 A*, 1 A); Dylan Hughes (3 A*, 1 B); Kabir Knupp (3 A*, 1 B); Emily Skinner (3 A* 1 B).

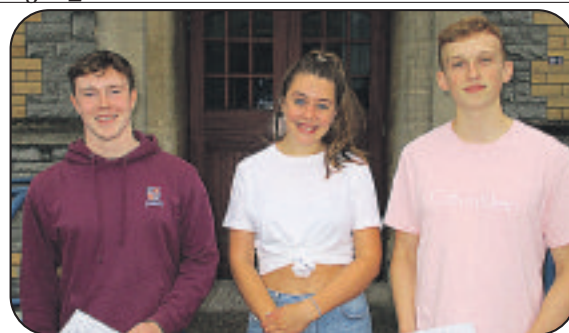
Three of the top performers, Caitlin Duggan, Henry Waddon and Catrin Jones, are off to Oxford University to study history and medicine respectively, with Robert Brown securing a place at Cambridge to study Human, Social, and Political Science.

Mrs Clare Kynaston,

acting headteacher, commented: "This has been another excellent year for Stanwell. We would like to congratulate all our sixth formers on their success and are grateful for the support given by parents and staff to ensure that our students fulfil their potential."

Mr Karl Watkins, year-13 tutor, also said: "We have had a very successful morning and the sixth form team are delighted that so many of our students have secured places at their chosen universities."

"It has been a pleasure working with these young people and we congratulate all of year-13 on their achievements and wish them continued success in the future."



Dan Anderton, Emily Skinner and Henry Waddon.



Seren Mirza-Davies, Lauren Stephens, Niamh Sweeney and Amy Webber.



Michael Conway, Dan Anderton, Kabir Knupp and Robert Brown.

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IT GLITCH ANGERS SCHOOL CAMPAIGNERS

CAMPAIGNERS opposing Vale Council plans to close Llanccarfan Primary School are furious that an IT problem has resulted in some responses to a consultation process being cut short.

Two consultations have been held on plans to replace Llanccarfan Primary School in the Vale with a new school some five miles away in Rhosce – leading to

parents expressing deep concerns.

It has now emerged that several responses to both of these consultations may not have been received after the online submission form included a 10,000 character limit.

Any response that exceeded 10,000 characters has been automatically cut down, with key concerns potentially missed.

Campaigners are so annoyed that they are demanding

that the consultation process should be re-run.

They have received support from the regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, who said: "Parents and residents are understandably very concerned by these proposals and they must be given a full and proper opportunity to have their voice heard."

"Two consultations have been undertaken to date and it is unacceptable that in both cases responses may have been lost because of a 10,000 character limit."

Responding, a Vale Council spokesman said: "As part of the consultation on primary education in the Western Vale, stakeholders are provided with the opportunity to convey any feedback via a number of mechanisms, including letters, emails, and an online web form."

"The issue in question relates to a small number of responses (approximately one per cent) being truncated due to their length, which exceeded a maximum value in the survey software database system."

"The council's understanding of the software was that there was no limitation on the length of responses via the online system. However, the issue became apparent following the qualitative review and analysis when a small number of responses were found to end abruptly."

"Upon querying this with the developer, they advised that while any length of response can be entered, only the first 9,999 characters would be saved to the database

once the form has been submitted.

"The council believes it is important to be transparent and values the feedback given by stakeholders. To that end, after investigating the issue the council contacted these respondents to ensure that they had the opportunity to include any additional points they felt are relevant, prior to any report being made available to members for consideration."

"Respondents were contacted with copies of the submissions received, and have been asked if they wish to add any additional points that may not have been covered beyond the 9,999 character limit. A number of responses have already been received. The existing content of the submissions in question, and any addendums to them will be included as part of the analysis and will not be discounted."

"Questions have already been put forward by the public and were responded to at Full Council on July 18, 2018. Questions have been fully answered when they have related to matters of fact."

"However, it is not possible to answer questions which ask for an opinion or view prior to consideration of the outcome of the consultation. The issues raised will be addressed in the consultation report and given due consideration by cabinet prior to a decision being made on whether or not to publish a statutory notice in relation to the proposal."

'Dinas Powys needs some TLC' say local councillors

'DINAS Powys needs more care and attention from the Vale Council', local community councillors have claimed.

Cllr Richard Grigg, Plaid community councillor for the Murch Ward, said: "This year we have seen standards slip. The county council is reducing services across Dinas Powys."

"There was a failure to control weeds everywhere. There is a serious lack of enforcement of parking regulations especially opposite Tesco. Why did the council paint these lines, which must have cost a lot of council taxpayers' money, if they were not willing to ensure that people faced a ticket?"

Fellow Plaid community councillor Chris Franks said: "In this area there has been a bike chained up advertising a window cleaner for some considerable time."

"The cycle is a wreck and looks awful. The Vale Council shows no interest. Again, the weeds are sprouting and makes the area a mess."

"Important road lines have been worn away especially at junctions with Cardiff Road. We were told in January that they could not be repainted because of the wet weather. I think that there have been a few dry spells lately."

"Then there has been the dreadful pollution of the local streams. It took local residents and Plaid to pressurise the Natural Resources Wales to force a resolution. What was the Conservative-Independent County Council doing to help our community?"

Mike Clogg, Vale Council operational manager for neighbourhood services and transport, said the council had been taking action: "The council successfully



Cllrs Franks and Grigg with the abandoned bike.

completed a first round of weed spraying throughout the Vale earlier in the summer and there will be a further round in the autumn.

"We will investigate specific areas where this issue may remain a problem and carry out any remedial works necessary prior to the next round of spraying."

"Double yellow lines have been placed on Castle Drive in Dinas Powys to deter motorists from parking there and fixed penalty notices issued for this offence."

"Enforcement officers prioritise the busiest areas of the Vale, with Barry and the Island, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major taking precedent. Enforcement in other areas is proportionate to the problems faced."

"We have previously received no report of an abandoned bike in this area, but will investigate this matter with a view to getting it removed."

"A road marking crew is scheduled to be out early next week to refresh any deteriorating highway lines and will visit the locations mentioned."

He added: "Issues relating to water pollution should be directed to Natural Resources Wales."

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THERE are ways you can reduce the risk of having a fall, including making simple changes to your home and doing exercises to improve your strength and balance.

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'Prayer inclusion NOT exclusion'

COMMENTS against Cllr Charles, such as 'divisive', 'discriminatory', 'imposing of beliefs' and attendees 'having to take evasive action' could also be deemed oppressive and discriminatory against Cllr Charles.

Some points to consider.

Prayers are fundamental in decision making in all areas of life for a Christian. Clarification has already been sought by Cllr Shirley Hodges, via the town clerk, that prayers are allowed prior to a meeting.

Freedom of speech enables Cllr Charles to state her intention to pray before the start of council meetings and extend her invitation to other councillors.

This shows her willingness to include other faiths and cultures who pray, as well as Christians. Those who decline, cannot complain of being excluded. The clue is in the word 'invitation'.

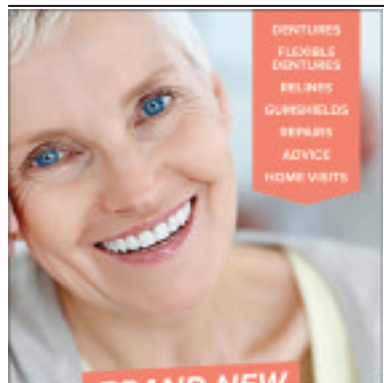
Steven Evans of the London-based Secular Society mentions availability of chamber, for attendees to meet with colleagues, take their seats and prepare. Isn't this what Cllr Charles is trying to do in her way? His comments about Barry being "a religiously diverse and largely non-religious community" makes me wonder how much he actually knows about Barry, other than what has been communicated to him.

As for prayers interfering with others in the chamber, contrary to the idea that it would be "loud prayer in public", prayer is mostly said quietly, even within a group, with respect to others around them.

Some disagree that we are predominantly a Christian country, but we are willing to embrace other faiths and cultures, many of whom have fled from persecution for their beliefs, but not so ready to embrace the Christian faith that many of all ages still have today, even in Barry.

Cllr Charles has shown nothing but respect, you could at least afford her the same courtesy.

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of The Woodland Trust gives readers a round up of current local risks and asks for your help.

The small areas of ancient woodland remaining in Wales are under threat as never before from new roads, housing and quarry developments, despite the fact that the Welsh Government's planning policy – in theory – protects it

from all significant damage.

The Woodland Trust (Coed Cadw) is campaigning to save threatened ancient woodland in:

The Vale of Glamorgan, where the Vale Council has recently been consulting on two routes to provide quicker access to Cardiff airport. One of the proposals would threaten six ancient woodlands, the other seven of them.

Brackla near Bridgend, where the Trust has recently written to express concern about building four new houses right next to the ancient Briary Wood, threatening its future.

To help meet this threat, the Woodland Trust is now seeking to recruit a number of 'threat detector' volunteers across Wales, who can look at individual planning applications that might threaten ancient woodland. The role can be undertaken at home and full training will be provided, though some knowledge of the planning system and map reading will be advantageous.

Anyone interested in applying for the role can find full details at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/volunteering. The Woodland Trust is planning a special

training day for would-be threat detectors, in early autumn.

Sarah Cooley, the Trust's campaigning volunteering coordinator who will be organising the day said: "We need help to stop precious ancient woodland being destroyed."

"The best way to tackle this issue is with eyes and ears on the ground to alert us when threats arise. We know that there are people across Wales who care deeply about this issue and who will want to help. If you are one of them, then I'd love to hear from you."

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Weatherman to lead Valeways celebration

ON September 8, Valeways' president BBC'S Derek Brockway will lead a celebration first anniversary walk and lunch for the Friends of Valeways – this year exploring the area around Dyffryn.

Friends of Valeways started last year, to support the local charity.

"Our regular programme of walks are free and we really want to keep it that way so that people of all incomes, ages and interests can join us. But we know that many are keen to support our work further – so the Friends Scheme was born," said chair of

trustees, Phil Gibbins.

"In addition, over the last year, the Friends have the pleasure of knowing that they have helped us maintain 400 miles of country pathways in the Vale and enabled us to pioneer health walks for seniors and others around Cowbridge, Llantwit, Barry and Cosmeston. All the time we continue our regular programme of walks, not to mention the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival."

"So if you want to join us, now is the time. Derek will be tackling part of the Vale Trails Haunted Fields walk with Friends in tow, a leisurely three miles or so. We'll return to Dyffryn for a free Friends' buffet lunch."

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Don't fall for 'fake police officer' fraud

THERE have been more than a dozen incidents of Vale and Bridgend residents being contacted by people pretending to be police officers and asking them to hand over money.

The calls were so convincing some people did hand over cash. South Wales Police emphasised that officers will never ask people for money.

A spokesman said: "We are urging the public to be cautious and

vigilant after a number of people have reported being contacted by callers purporting to be police officers asking to hand over significant amounts of money.

"Police officers will never ask for your money. Our advice is to hang up and call us on 101.

"Please tell your elderly or vulnerable relatives and neighbours about this scam.

"In the past month, we have seen a marked increase in the number of people reporting calls of this nature.

"In Bridgend and the

Vale there have been more than a dozen incidents in recent weeks."

Fraudsters claim to be police officers from the Metropolitan Police, Avon and Somerset Police or other forces and have been so convincing that some people handed over bank details as requested. Other people were more suspicious and refused.

The callers involved in the scam suggest questionable activity or a potential security breach of the intended victim's bank or building society account.

They then suggest that to protect the rest of their money, the victim should hand it over to keep it safe either by withdrawing cash or by bank transfer.

Some are then told a 'courier' will come to their home to collect the money as part of the scam.

These fake officers even provide fake badge numbers and in a number of the cases the fraudsters advised victims to call an additional number to speak to another fraudster who then 'verifies' the authenticity of the call.



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies and Amelia Trust Farm marketing and business manager Becca Palmer wish Mal well ahead of the challenge.

Mal's 870-mile journey for Amelia Trust Farm

THE education and site manager of Amelia Trust Farm in Barry is set to travel the entire Welsh coastline in a bid to raise £10,000 for the charity.

Mal Sanchez-Jones joined the farm in September 2002 – and has overseen many changes during that time.

He now hopes to raise further awareness of the farm's work while also raising the money needed for its latest animal housing project.

It started in Prestatyn on August 20 when Mal will attempt to cycle the north coast before walking the south coastline.

The Welsh coastline is 870 miles in its entirety and ahead of Mal setting off, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies visited Amelia Trust to wish Mal luck on his voyage.

Mr Davies said: "It was a pleasure to visit Amelia Trust Farm last week and chat with Mal about his challenge. The charity does a lot of great work in Barry and the Vale and it is vital they continue in future.

"The Welsh coastline is some 870 miles in length, so this is not something to take lightly. I wish Mal the very best of luck – and would urge you to join me in supporting him."

GVS offers a 'toolkit' to voluntary groups

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) has announced that its 'Third Sector Consortium Toolkit' is available.

It contains useful information for individuals or groups who are thinking of working together in a consortium.

The toolkit contains top 10 tips for creating and working in a consortium, information on the barriers to consortium working and how to overcome them, guidance on consortium working with large funders and support with tendering for goods and services.

The toolkit has been produced following a three year, consortium development project managed by GVS and

funded by the Vale Council's Voluntary Action Scheme.

Over 160 meetings were attended by GVS's consortium development officer, 12 consortia were developed, three attracted funding and another is working well as a partnership.

The funding received represents a seven-fold return on the council's initial grant investment. One full-time and six part-time posts have been created and over 40 organisations have worked together on projects and developed valuable contacts and knowledge and understanding of each other's work.

The toolkit can be downloaded free of charge from: www.gvs.wales/news/2018/08/toolkit.

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CAVC's award

CARDIFF and Vale College has been awarded for its commitment to preparing its students for the world of work.

The college has achieved the Careers Wales Mark, an award designed to recognise a commitment to continuous quality improvement in educational institutions to meet the Welsh Government's requirements set out in the Careers and World of Work: a framework for 11 to 19-year-olds.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Friends of Barry Beaches

FOR the third August running, Friends of Barry Beaches will be taking their beach clean outside Barry to Aberthaw.

This month's beach clean will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, August 27 at Gileston beach, Aberthaw. The clean-up will commence at 3pm and volunteers should meet at the car park. The access road is opposite the war memorial at St Athan.

New volunteers are always welcome and litter grabbers, bags and gloves are provided. Many children join in the litter picks, but we ask that they be accompanied by an adult.

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Out & About with The GEM

Christopher Robin's return is a solemn one...

WE'VE seen many children's literary characters be reborn on the big screen of late, most notably of course Paddington Bear. Now Disney have dipped their toe into these waters with

Christopher Robin.

The Christopher of the title is Ewan McGregor, a family man stuck in a job he hates and with life getting him down. The reappearance of his old friend Winnie The Pooh (voiced by Jim Cummings) inspires Christopher to make a change and, along with Winnie, the pair travel back to Hundred Acre

Wood to track down Pooh's missing friends – including Tigger (voiced by Chris O'Dowd), Owl (voiced by Toby Jones) and more – and Christopher realises there's more to life than just work...

Disney's attempt to make every one of their characters live action has, so far, paid dividends; if not wholly critically, then certainly commercially. A beloved character like Winnie The Pooh, given technological advancements, has been aching to reach live-action and now it's finally here the results are charming, if a tad flawed.

The narrative arc of Christopher Robin in adulthood, a husband and a father consumed by work and attempting to make the best for his

family without realising his behaviour is actually being detrimental, is a familiar one (look no further than *Hook*) and it's this part of the plot that feels most cumbersome.

A solemn opening 20 minutes doesn't really set the pulse racing either, taking us through Christopher's young life to where we meet him now. It all feels a little austere and maudlin, a little too serious for what is ostensibly a film for children and the child that lives within adults.

It picks up when Pooh reappears; voiced with effortless aplomb by Jim Cummings, the character soon picks up the pace and the fun factor, as he recruits Christopher (who has a deadline to save his company 20 per cent or risk losing his job) to help him track down his friends.

This is where the fun really starts – the film becomes lighter and more humorous, where the natural charm of the characters and Ewan McGregor's enjoyable turn are given free rein before real life intervenes and Christopher has to leave Hundred Acre Wood – but there's a sting in the tail.

If it all feels a little

what is enjoyable is the exchanges between the characters, etched through time, that resonate and the small, perfectly-formed witticisms of Pooh in particular that hit the spot.

The performances are solid, McGregor playing a character with a familiar trajectory but having great fun in doing it, while Hayley Atwell as his wife, and Bronte Carmichael as his daughter, deliver when called upon.

It's the voice cast who shine the most, Cummings pivotal as he wraps his distinctive voice around the character of Pooh once more, while the likes of Chris O'Dowd, Toby Jones, Peter Capaldi and more bring vivid life to the denizens of Hundred Acre Wood, some of whom could have had a little more to do.

Director Marc Forster is usually to be found handling more solemn fare, and at times his propensity for this seeps through; when he injects some lightness and humour into proceedings it takes flight, and the film feels more pleasing, but it never feels natural; there's a forced element that seems to go against

Forster's natural instincts.

There is the air of a missed opportunity about *Christopher Robin*, where a more ambitious plot and a little more energy would make for a better film; as it is, it's one where the charm of the characters papers over the narrative cracks and makes it a satisfying, but insubstantial, watch.

VERDICT – A kid's film that overplays

solemnity. *Christopher Robin* is poorly-plotted, but charming, mainly thanks to the characters from Hundred Acre Wood. Audience-wise it lands between child-friendly and grown-up, but thanks to the efforts of Pooh et al, this is a film that will just about entertain – but not much more. Average.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Finding Neverland* (2004), *Hook* (1991).



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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like the adventures of Paddington, then it's certainly by design (and even features that film's co-writer Simon Farnaby in a small but fun role) but these are characters who hold their own and that ensures you don't feel too shortchanged.

The plot is perfunctory to say the least (and if you've seen the trailer there will be nothing here that takes you by surprise) which disappoints, especially as there are five pairs of hands on the screenplay (most notably Tom McCarthy, writer and director of the Oscar-winning *Spotlight*), but

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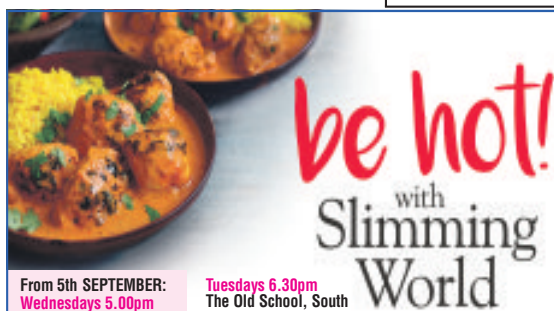
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'No-one could bear to leave the picnic...'

HAFOD recently welcomed more than 40 children with their parents or carers to their second annual Teddy Bear's Picnic at Gladstone Gardens in Barry.

On the day, children took along their favourite teddy bear or toy and received their own picnic bag containing a delicious lunch provided by Hafod. Children had lots of fun with hula hoops, skipping ropes, bubbles, face painting and other games including the opportunity to water bomb their support worker.

Paw Patrol characters Chase and Skye also made a surprise appearance, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Kelly White, senior support worker at Hafod, said: "This event is a really special day for children to just enjoy themselves and it's also rewarding for the staff who support them closely throughout the year."

"We're very grateful to local businesses who have donated raffle prizes which has helped us put the event on."

Hafod Resources



Baby Bella-Rose poses with teddy bear.



Everyone had a good time.

Cathedrals of Britain Book review by Brian Lee

FOR those of you who enjoy visiting or reading about cathedrals then Bernadette Fallon's *Cathedrals of Britain - West, South West and Wales* (published by Pen and Sword at £12.99) will be right up your street.

Power, bloodshed, prayer, cathedrals in the UK are as much about human drama as spiritual sanctuary, as much about

political wrangling as religious fervour.

From Christian beginnings in the Middle Ages through Renaissance and modernity, the great cathedrals of Britain have been both battleground and place of quiet reflection and prayer created for the glory of God for sure, but also for the glory of men. Well illustrated throughout, this 136-page paperback is a fascinating read.

BRIAN LEE

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H4H support helps local veterans find a new direction

HELP for Heroes in Wales is delivering a new programme of support for Veterans and Armed Forces personnel.

Taking place at the charity's Community Recovery Office in Treforest, Rhondda Cynon Taf, men and women from across Wales who are wounded, injured or sick because of their military service are invited to apply for the Pathfinder Experience.

The three-part programme, designed to inspire, enable and support people to make the transition from the Armed Services into civilian life, takes place over 12 days, and has been run successfully for several years at the charity's other regional bases.

Lee Dunkley from Pencoed, Bridgend served with Royal Artillery for 22 years in Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Iraq and Afghanistan; and spent 18 months with the Military Provost Guard Service in Wiltshire. Mr Dunkley was medically discharged because of injuries sustained in service and took part in a trial of the Pathfinder Experience at the Treforest office in July.

He said: "I was lost as to where I wanted to go with my career. I wanted a bit more clarity, and the best people to speak to are the subject matter



Lee Dunkley from Pencoed.

experts at Help for Heroes. The people who run the course come predominantly from military backgrounds, appreciate where we come from and where we need to go, to achieve our aims and goals in life."

Louis Nethercott, programme delivery lead of the national career recovery team, described the purpose of the course and said: "It's about helping people learn more about themselves in terms of strengths, skills, likes, dislikes, as well as identifying opportunities for a purposeful future role, whether that be in fulfilling paid work, voluntary work or finding enjoyable hobbies."

"By the time the experience is complete, they should be able to translate their strengths and skills into civilian life, understand

employment and lifestyle options and be confident about what the future holds."

Mr Dunkley added: "Having the course in Wales has made it easier for me because I'm not fighting with the traffic every morning to get here, because traffic sends my stress levels through the roof. It's in a quiet area, there are amenities around, everything's to hand – and you don't really need much because the Help for Heroes staff support you."

Help for Heroes community recovery manager Shelley Elgin said: "We are delighted to be able to offer the Pathfinder Experience to veterans here in Wales. The response to the trial version we ran in July has been phenomenal. We're keen to encourage those who are already engaging with our services to take part, but we'd love to hear from anyone who's new to Help for Heroes, whenever they served, if they need our support, we are here for them."

"For more information, contact us on 01443 808910, Wales.supporthub@helpforheroes.org.uk, or visit www.helpforheroes.org.uk."

The Wales Community Recovery Office is wheelchair accessible and assistance is available for those who need overnight accommodation to attend the course.

Smallholders scoop top prize



Vice chairman Maurice Price with some of the Glamorgan Smallholders.

MEMBERS of Glamorgan Smallholders were delighted when, at the 2018 Vale of Glamorgan Show, they were awarded The Edward John Challenge Cup for the best trade stand.

The vice-chairman of Glamorgan Smallholders, Maurice Price, was on hand to accept the cup from show president Julian Radcliff on behalf of the group in the main area during the grand parade on the day of the show.

Mr Price said: "I was delighted to be able to accept the cup on behalf of the Glamorgan Smallholders but the credit doesn't stop there."

"Many other people joined us to make the marquee the success that it was and we all had a wonderful time sharing some of our lives with the people who came to see us."

He added: "The live broadcasts from Bro Radio made great links with, not only the people on the showground, but also those who were unable to attend the event in person. The interviews really gave listeners the chance to share the buzz of what was happening on the day."

The concept of having a social and support group for smallholders in the Vale of Glamorgan was launched a year ago at the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Show. One year on the group had gathered enough members, momentum and support to be able to take on the Countryside Marquee at the Vale Show.

A founder member of the group, Helen Joy, said: "The aim of the marquee was for people to be able to meet smallholders and to learn more about what they do and how that fits into food production and life in the countryside. We wanted people to enjoy



From left: Julian Radcliff presenting Maurice Price with The Edward John Challenge Cup.

meeting the animals and to experience a small part of what we do."

Joining the group in the marquee and sharing in the award were spinners from both the Tawe and the Glamorgan Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, who have for many years supported the show with exhibits and demonstrations, also supporting the British Wool Marketing Board Fleece Competitions.

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST), Swanbridge Porkers (rare breed Berkshire Pigs), Jones Dairies (Barry) together with Food Vale, Hillside beef and lamb, soaps and products from Garlic Meadow, Mike Robins Cowbridge Farm Shop, Hampshire Down sheep from Tyn-y-Bettws Farm and Icelandic and lavender sheep from Kennixton Sheep filled the marquee with lots to see and experience along with competitions and activities.

The Tractor Boys (and girls) of Aberthorn put on a fabulous display of vintage tractors and kept everyone fed and watered throughout the day. All of these, together with beautiful floral displays supplied by Cross Farm Nursery, added colour and scent and gave the marquee a welcoming feel as visitors approached.

Glamorgan Smallholders chairman Russell Capling concluded: "Sadly I was unable to attend on the day of the show due to work commitments."

"I was delighted when I received the news that we had won The Edward John Challenge Cup, which was thanks to the outstanding work and dedication of a team of people who enjoy what they do and have a desire to share it with others."

"I couldn't be more proud to be part of this amazing group of people and I can only imagine what next year might bring."

The group hopes to be able to display the cup at various venues throughout the forthcoming year to enable everyone to share in its success.

Another connection to The Dambusters



The Barry Motorcycle.

IS the Barry branch of The RAFA aware that a former Barry man, Charles Benjamin Redrup, was involved in design work for Avro on Lancasters during the war?

A book has been written (*The Knife and Fork Man: The Life and Work of Charles Benjamin Redrup* by Professor Bill Fairney, published by Diesel Publishing, Badminton, Gloucester).

Included in his known designs are: 1942 aero-hydraulic drive for gun turret operation, and a 1943 200gpm 2000psi double ended wobble plate hydraulic pump for bomb spinning drive. (Dambuster). Plus other works. I hope this may be of some interest to them.

Owain Clements. The GEM contacted the author of biography, Professor Bill Fairney, who very kindly supplied photographs and more information, including on another of Mr Redrup's inventions, the Barry motorcycle. Prof Fairney takes up the story...



Charles Redrup.

"I have attached some extra pictures of the Barry motorcycle. To protect the driver's legs the rotating engine block was covered in a perforated casing, rather like a colander! "Regarding the bouncing bomb, the bomb was spun up by a hydraulic motor originally used by Vickers in submarines. "The hydraulic power came from a special pump attached to one of the engines. It was this pump that Mr Redrup designed because the original was only short-term rated for turning the upper gun turret, whereas the bomb had to be spun up for several minutes." Visit dieselpublishing.wordpress.com for more information.

The Cathedral School continues outstanding A-Level results record

High fliers at The Cathedral School.



THE Cathedral School continues what a spokesperson termed its "... track record for outstanding results" at A-Level, with its year-13 pupils achieving 53 per cent of all grades at A*-A, and 75 per cent at A*-B.

One in five of all grades gained was an A*, and the overall pass rate was 100 per cent.

"The most common grade achieved was an A," said the spokesperson.

A third of pupils achieved three A grades or better, while a quarter took the Extended Project Qualification, securing 100-per-cent A*/A grades.

Head boy Lance Burn, and James Knowles, both secured the highest possible results of 4 A* and 3 A*

grades respectively.

Lance will read medicine at Cambridge and James will progress to Birmingham to study music. Lance, who studied biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics said: "I am so pleased with my results

"It was definitely worth all of the hard work."

Other top performers, scoring exclusively A* and A grades, included head girl, Ella Thomas, who will read architecture at Nottingham; Cian Williams who joined the Cathedral School Sixth Form from Glantaf and will study aeronautical engineering at Bath; and cousins May-Ling and Katherine Shi, who will both study medicine at Cardiff.

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Vale Council responds to waste collection concerns

I refer to the concerns recently highlighted on your newspaper's letters page regarding the Vale Council's decision to restrict the number of black bags collected from September 3, 2018.

I very much understand how such controls are being perceived and, as the cabinet member responsible for the council's waste management services, thought I should explain the reasoning behind this most difficult of decisions.

Like all Welsh Local Authorities the Vale Council is bound by legislation that determines what our recycling performance should be at given times.

For 2019/20 we are required to achieve a recycling target of 64 per cent, which, with the fantastic efforts of our residents we achieved in 2016/17, with 65.33. Unfortunately this performance dropped to 63.1 per cent last year (2017/18).

By 2024/25 the target is 70 per cent.

This is where the real challenge lies as all our predictions under the current non-restricted black bag arrangements suggest that we will miss this target, and by some margin, with our performance currently stagnating at around the 63/65 per cent mark.

In 2024/25 we could face fines of £200 per tonne for every tonne of waste below the 70 per cent target not recycled. To provide an indication of how much this could cost; 5 per cent of our waste weighs in at 3,123 tonnes,

so if we missed the target by 5 per cent this could cost our council tax payers £624,000 per annum.

Unfortunately there is no legislation that we can rely on to force the public to recycle, and we know that a small number of our residents still do not recycle at all.

We are however able to restrict the amount of black bag waste we collect, so this is the only appropriate method available to us to increase recycling participation.

We very much hope that by restricting the black bags collected we will encourage the public to better consider the contents of their black bags before placing them out on the kerbside for collection.

Many of our residents are already able to comply with the two black bag rules as conscientious recyclers.

We know that this method is far from perfect. The identity of a person's black bag is neutral, meaning they can be placed anywhere on the kerbside.

We however, hope that our residents will work with us and their neighbours on this, as they have done with all other waste changes over the years.

We could have invested in thousands of wheeled bins at a cost of millions of pounds but the amount of residual waste by volume that the public would be able to put out for collection would remain the same and wheeled bins have not been proven to increase recycling or reduce operating costs.

They also can look unsightly when placed on the kerbside, particularly in our terraced

streets.

We are very aware that due to a householder's specific circumstances e.g. having small children with nappies, they may be unable to comply with the two bag limit, even if they recycle everything they can.

For this reason, we have arrangements in place to support households with six or more residents, for nappies, adult hygiene products, ashes or large amounts of pet waste.

You may apply for an additional allowance by calling 01446 721536.

In previous years we have been one of the best performing councils in Wales for recycling and this is in the main down to the efforts of our residents.

Due to a range of practices including restricting residual (black bag) waste, many councils are now out-performing us and well on their way, or even exceeding, the 70 per cent target.

We need to introduce the black bag restrictions now to make a step change towards and beyond the 70 per cent figure to protect the interests of our residents by giving ourselves the best opportunity of avoiding future fines.

I look forward to working with our residents on this next phase of our environmental journey and, though I recognise for some that the change will be challenging, I very much hope that the reasons for it are understood, and most of all supported.

Cllr Geoff Cox
Cabinet Member for
Neighbourhood Services and
Transport

Villagers in campaign to save century-old pond

VILLAGERS and businesses are joining forces with the Vale Council to rescue a century-old duck pond in Ffônnon.

The pond dried up over the summer through a combination of exceptionally low rainfall, high temperatures and leaks from the base and boundary wall.

As a result, the moorhens and wild ducks abandoned the pond to seek an alternative habitat and large willow trees in the central island are showing signs of distress.

Ffônnon, Rhose and Aberthaw residents have formed the 'Save Ffônnon Pond' group to try and prevent the loss of a pond which has long been a focal point in the village and used regularly as a picturesque backdrop for wedding photographs.

The plan is to clear weeds and brambles that choke the willows and weaken the wall around the pond, causing it to leak.

The Vale Council has agreed to do some initial work but volunteers will also be needed to remove silt that has built up over the years.

Save Ffônnon Group members are also



considering building a new clay base using the same technique employed for canals.

Ffônnon resident Denise Cooper explained: "Our immediate priority is to prevent the willows dying and to encourage the wildlife to return but we then need to stop the pond leaking."

"We also have to find a more reliable source of water instead of the ground water that currently feeds into the pond which dries during spells without much rain."

The group estimates it will cost more than £5,000 for the most

urgent work and it has started fundraising to meet the cost. It had a collection at the Ffônnon Agricultural Show which raised more £340 in a few hours, and there have been other individual donations.

Discussions are under way with local businesses who have shown interest in helping with the restoration and the Vale Council has given its support, although has said it doesn't have the budget to take on the entire project.

Denise added: "The support from the local community has been tremendous."

"Everyone has been so saddened to see the state of the pond this year and keen to help, whether that's by donating money or offering to help clear the site."

"None of us want to lose something that has been in our village for so long."

To support the project visit the Save Ffônnon Pond group on Facebook. Donations can be made via the group's donation page on www.gofundme.com or by emailing saveffonnonpond@gmail.com.

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ADVERTORIAL FEATURE

Karl wants to share slimming secrets

A SLIMMER who transformed his life by losing five stone is using his success to shape a whole career helping other people change their lives and achieve their weight loss dreams too.

Karl Payne joined his local Slimming World group in Barry in June 2016 and dropped from 15 stone 7.5lbs to 10 stone 7.5 in just 10 short months.

After Karl lost the weight, he found he had a real passion, not just for losing the weight, but a passion for helping other members lose weight too.

He trained as a consultant for Slimming World, the UK's largest group-based weight loss organisation, at their national training academy in Derbyshire.

He opened his first group on October 30, 2017, and now he has opened his second group at the Sea Scout Hall, Everard Street in Barry. The group is open on Wednesdays and is now a double session with starting times of 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

Karl said: "Obesity is becoming such a huge issue across the UK. When I first joined Slimming World as a member, I never dreamed that I would end up helping other people to lose weight. I never dreamed I would have the confidence to stand in front of a group, talking to members about my journey and inspire members."

"Support is really the most important thing. It all starts with feeling that you're not alone. I couldn't have lost 5 stone without the weekly help, encouragement and understanding of my own consultant and group."

"Setting targets, sharing recipes and other ideas, and working together as a group to overcome challenges and celebrate success is so important to a successful journey."

"Like a lot of slimmers, I had tried to lose weight so many times before by following numerous diets but they were never sustainable because I'd always get tired of restricting what I



After his five stone weight loss, Karl now takes part in marathons.

ate. "I thought I was destined to struggle with my weight for the rest of my life, but when I came to Slimming World it was different. I never felt like I was on a diet. The eating plan encourages you to eat lots of tasty, filling foods like pasta, rice, potatoes and lean meat and fish."

"Slimming World isn't just about changing what you eat. Becoming more active is important too. Our Body Magic programme takes the threat out of activity by showing people, many of whom have

unpleasant memories of being forced to take part in activity at school, how they can build activity into their daily routine without having to take up traditional forms of exercise like going to the gym."

"Everything counts from walking to gardening to washing the car. I love running now to get my Body Magic! Since losing the weight, I've competed in 10 charity runs including the Cardiff Half Marathon."

Slimming World consultants are all former members who have lost weight at their local group themselves. There are currently around 4,000 Slimming World consultants across the UK and Ireland running 15,000 groups.

Since becoming a consultant, Karl has helped his members lose a combined 436 stone. He's had multiple members reach target. He was hand picked for the Slimming World national finals for Consultant Slimmer of the year 2017, and also had one of his young slimmers, Holly Proud, as a finalist at the Slimming World Young Slimmer of the year 2017.

Karl's journey is so inspirational, he was chosen to feature in the Slimming World magazine, which is available at the end of August.

Martin Woodsford, who runs Slimming World's Buttrills Community Centre group and manages Karl as a team developer, says: "Slimming World consultants are chosen for their positive outlook and because they genuinely care about the health and happiness of others."

Karl's Slimming World group is held at the Sea Scout Hall every Wednesday at 5.30pm and 7.30pm. For more information or to join Karl's group, drop in on Wednesdays or call him on 07411 621 866.

Karl also runs a group on Mondays at 5.30pm in the Cadroxton Moors Community Centre, rear of Edmund Street, Cardiff Road, Barry, also on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am and 11.30am in All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth.

Ramblers say fond farewell to Patch



Patch, honorary Rambler.

THE penultimate Penarth and District Ramblers summer evening walk attracted a group of 14 walkers who joined Joy and Biddy at Wenvoe village on a pleasant evening; and climbing up through Pound Lane, they entered Wenvoe Wood passing some fine fungi adorning fallen tree trunks.

A short trek along the very dry and dusty Burdonshill lane brought them into fields where the skyline was dominated by the tall Wenvoe transmitting mast, and passing through the Wenvoe Wild Orchard field and several metal gates, they crossed St Lythans Road to Coed Rhosyn.

A series of stiles behind Lodge House Farm brought them into Coed Nant Bran, where a fairly wide track through this delightful woodland led them to a gate and into a field where the barley crop had recently been harvested.

Making their way through the stubble with the sunlight lighting up the tall bales of stacked straw, a stile brought them into a field of excitable cows and calves who soon gave up thoughts of chasing the group as they safely crossed to Vianshill Farm.

Approaching the Downs, tall bracken was obscuring most of the pathways with some being completely blocked at the height of the growing season, but quickly navigating an easy way through towards Penrhif Farm, the narrow track that passes behind the TV transmitting station led them into the hamlet of Twyn-yr-Odyn.

A short journey along the road, which opened up fine views towards Cardiff and beyond, was followed by a descent through the Upper

Orchid field and into woodland, from where steps led them into their last meadow before the journey back through the village to their start.

On August 25 (not 26 as in your programme) catch the 08.47 train from Penarth or the 09.06 train from Cardiff Central station for an 11-mile moderate walk from Treherbert to Aberdare for the train journey home; contact John R on 029 2070 8294.

On August 27, the stay-at-home Bank Holiday walk will leave Gileston Beach car park at 10am for a 12-mile moderate circular tour of the Rills and Kenson valleys; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Anyone who knows Penarth and District Ramblers footpath officer Geraint will also know his faithful companion Patch and it is with sadness we hear that they have taken their last walk together.

They say man's best friend is his dog and many walkers will certainly agree with that sentiment.

Geraint often led walks with his young son Cai until the duo became a trio when Patch arrived on the scene and began to accompany them in March 2006.

The tri-coloured Border Collie became a firm favourite and wherever Geraint went, so did Patch and they were the best of buddies. Patch was handsome, loveable and obedient with eyes only for his master.

Following problems with arthritis in his legs, Geraint retired him from active walking with the group and more recently he developed kidney problems and lost his fight on August 11.

So we say a fond farewell to much-loved Patch, who was just as important to the group as his human companions and he will be sorely missed.

Joy Strangward

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (ST LYTHANS ROAD (RHAN), DYFFRYN) (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2018

1. Ar 23 Awst 2018, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodleni isod:
2. Enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (St Lythans Road (Rhan), Dyffryn) (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro)" 2018 a daw i rym ar 3 Medi 2018.

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Y ffordd i'w chau yw St Lythans Road o'r gyffordd â'r A4226 ym Mwthyn Northcliff i Stablaun Northcliff.
Rheswm: I alluogi gwaith ar Ddargyfeirio'r Prif Gyflenwad Dŵr
Hyd: O 07.00am ddydd Llun 3 Medi 2018 i 07.00am ddydd Llun 17 Medi 2018.
Llwybr Arall: Bydd Gwyrddau Lleol wedi'u harwyddo ar waith
DS: Cynhelir mynediad i drigolion a gwasanaethau brys a cherddwyr drwy gydol y cyfnod.

Dyddiedig 23 Awst 2018

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (ST LYTHANS ROAD (PART), DUFFRYN) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

1. On 23rd August 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (St Lythans Road (Part), Duffryn) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2018 and will come into force on 3rd September 2018.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The road to be closed is St Lythans Road from its junction with the A4226 at Northcliff Cottage to Northcliff Stables.
Reason: To allow for Water Main Diversion works to be undertaken
Duration: From 07.00am on Monday 3rd September 2018 until 07.00am on Monday 17th September 2018.
Alt. Route: Local signed diversions will be in place
NB: Access will be maintained for residents and emergency services and pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2018.

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE), Y BARRI) (CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30MYA) (DROS DRO) 2018

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodleni isod:

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Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio'n gyflymach na 30 milltir yr awr rhwng y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod:

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Y rhan o'r A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) y Barri o Fferm Blacklands i'r gyffordd â'r ffordd i Moulton
Rheswm: Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gwaith gwaith ar y gyffordd.
Hyd: O 10.00 ar ddydd Llun 4 Medi 2018 am hyd at 18 mis.

Dyddiedig 23 Awst 2018

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE), BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order, the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour between the location specified in Schedule 2 below:

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The section of A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Blacklands Farm to the junction with the road to Moulton
Reason: The restriction is being implemented to allow new road improvement works to take place.
Duration: From 10.00 Hours on Monday 3rd September 2018 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2018

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ARABLE SECTION

Class 162 Bale of Seed Hay:

1st 424 Mike Robins, Marlborough.
2nd 423 TR Harris, Redlands.
3rd 432 Howard Evans.
4th 431 RS Thomas & Son, Sutton Newydd, Wick.

Class 163 Bale of Meadow Hay:

1st 427 Mike Robins.
2nd 426 TR Harris.
3rd 425 Ben Jones.

Class 165 10 kilos Wheat:

1st 440 Thomas, Gileston.
2nd 443 Radcliff, Penmark.

Class 166 10 kilos Oats:

1st 446 Thomas.
2nd 448 Radcliff.
3rd 447 James.

Class 167 10 kilos Barley:

1st 452 James.
2nd 450 Thomas.
3rd 451 James.

Best trade stand mainly supplying goods and services to the Agricultural Industry:

1st GLAMORGAN SMALL HOLDERS.
2nd FRANK SUTTON.

3rd DAVID EVANS.
It The Edward John Memorial

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GLAMORGAN SMALLHOLDERS.
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2nd SOUTH WALES FIRE + RESCUE SERVICES.

3rd TOPSTAK.

2t The Gale Martin Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for

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1st FLEUR MEATS, SUNRISE

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2nd PAUL NAYLOR 72 ST DAVIDS CRES, PENARTH.

3rd MIRANDA BOWEN, LAW HOUSE, IDOLE, CARMARTHEN.

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1st Mark Whittles.

3t The David Synan Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup:

Winner Mark Whittles.

Best Stall within the food court:

1st Delicia Teas.
2nd Eccentric Gin.
3rd Parnshipship.

4t Vale of Glamorgan Farmers Market - John Fordham Memorial

Trophy: Winner Deb Ellis, Delicia Teas.

Class 147 For the Best Clamp of Silage:
1st 1012 HD Hanks

& Son, Ty Canol, Llantrithyd.

2nd 1008 R&L Anthony, Tythegstons Farm, Bridgend.

3rd 1002 O Anstey & Sons, Ty Fry Farm, Pendoylan.

THE MAJOR FRANK HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP:

Winner 1012 HD Hanks & Son.

Class 148 For the Best Bag of Silage:

1st 1016 R&L Anthony, Tythegstons Farm.

2nd 1014 TW Jarvis & Son, Gelli Goll, Llansannor.

3rd 1020 David Adams, Ty Uchaf Farm, Llantrithyd.

FRED WILLIAMS MEMORIAL CUP:

Winner 1016 R&L Anthony.

Class 149 Long Term Ley - 3 or more seasons:

1st 1024 Edwards & Son, Pwllwyrach Farm, Colwinston.

2nd 1026 EH Radcliffe & Son, Penmark Place, Penmark.

3rd 1027 RS Thomas Sutton, Newydd Farm.

4th 1022 Lyndon Joseph, Mount Pleasant Farm, Stormy Down.

George Gibson Perpetual Challenge Cup for best long term ley: Winner 1024 RD Edwards & Son.

Class 150 Short term ley - 1 or 2 seasons (to include Italian Rye Grass):

1st TW Jarvis & Son.

2nd 1029 Lyndon Joseph.

3rd 1034 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm,



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Llancarfan.
4th 1032 MT Rees, Upper Park Farm, Laleston.

PENLYNE CRICKET CLUB PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP:

Winner TW Jarvis & Son.

Class 151 Best field of Winter Barley (Judged by MR Jeffrey Russell):

1st 1045 RM Thomas & Son, Gileston Farm, St Athan.

2nd 1043 RS Thomas, Sutton Newydd Farm.

3rd 1037 E Williams & Son, Old Parc, Laleston.

4th 1041 Graham David, Norton Hall, Southerndown.

EVAN CROOK MEMORIAL CUP:

Winner 1045 RM Thomas & Son, Gileston Farm.

Class 152 Best field of winter oats (judged by Mr Jeffrey Russell):

1st 1050 RM Thomas & Son, Gileston Farm.

2nd RS Thomas Sutton, Newydd Farm.

3rd E Williams & Son, Old Parc.

4th 1048 Graham David, Norton Hall.

JAMES JAMES JP MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP:

Winner 1050 RM Thomas & Son, Gileston Farm.

Class 153 Best field of Winter Wheat (judged by Mr Dominic Swaison):

1st 1063 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

2nd 1057 Graham David, Norton Hall.

3rd 1060 PC Thomas & Son, Splott Farm, St Donats.

4th 1061 RM Thomas & Son, Gileston Farm.

WD JAMES MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY:

Winner 1063 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

Class 154 Best field of Spring Barley (Judged by Mr Dominic Swaison):

1st 1065 Lyndon Joseph.

2nd 1064 D Anthony & Son, Cwm Risca Farm, Laleston.

3rd 1067 WD James & Son, The Grange.

4th 1068 PC Thomas & Son, Splott Farm.

VALE SHOW

PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP:

Winner 1065 Lyndon Joseph, Mount Pleasant Farm.

Class 155 Best winter oilseed Crop (Judged by Mr John Chinn):

1st 1075 EH Radcliffe & Son, Penmark Place.

2nd 1073 PC Thomas & Son, Splott Farm.

3rd 1072 WD James & Son, The Grange.

4th 1071 R&L Anthony, Tythegstons Farm.

GWYN JERVIS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP:

Winner 1075 EH Radcliffe & Son, Penmark Place.

Class 159 Best Field of Maize:

1st 1082 David Adams, Ty Uchaf Farm.

2nd 1084 MT Rees Upper Parc Farm, Laleston.

3rd 1088 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

4th 1083 TD Llewellyn & Son, Old Beaupre Farm, St Hilary.

AR THOMAS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST MAIZE CUP:

Winner 1082 David Adams, Ty Uchaf Farm.

Class 160 Best clamp of maize silage:

1st 1092 R&L Anthony, Tythegstons Farm.

2nd 1094 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

3rd 1091 R&M Lougher & Son, Ty Tanglwyst Farm, Pyle.

4th 1095 HD Hanks & Son, Ty Canol.

CATTLE SECTION

Continental Breed Class 1 Bull over 12 months of age:

1st 2 Gareth Jenkins, Ty Groesfaen.

2nd 3 Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tonyrefail.

Class 2 Cow in calf or with calf at foot:

1st 4 Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm.

Class 6 Pair of animals owned by the same exhibitor:

1st 3-4 Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm.

3c The MT Board Cup for the best pair of continental beef breed: Winner 3-4 Rhys Millichap, Rhiw

Garm Farm.

Championship For any the best continental breed 4c

The Arthur John and Co Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best Limousin:

Champion 2 Gareth Jenkins, Ty Newydd Farm.

Class 8 Bull over 12 months on the day of the show:

1st 10 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm, Nelson.

2nd 95 VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan.

3rd 12 Glamorgan Low Lines, The Lakins, Garm Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 9 Cow in calf or with calf at foot:

1st 14 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm.

2nd 92 LD & LL Powell, Rhos Farm, Hengoed.

3rd 15 Glamorgan Lowlines, The Lakins.

Class 10 Heifer in calf:

1st 19 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm.

Class 11 Maiden heifer over 12 months of age on the day of the show:

1st 91 LD & LL Powell, Rhos Farm.

2nd 20 Glamorgan Lowlines, The Lakins, Garm Farm.

3rd 21 Glamorgan Lowlines, The Lakins, Garm Farm.

Class 12 Calf of either sex under 12 months of age on the day of the show:

1st 22 Glamorgan Lowlines, The Lakins, Garm Farm.

2nd 92 LD & LL Powell, Rhos Farm.

Class 13 Pair of animals owned by the same exhibitor:

1st 23 L & L Bowen, Tydd Farm.

2nd 24 Glamorgan Lowlines The Lakins, Garm Farm.

2c (a) The Huddston Shield: Winner 23L & L Bowen, Tydd Farm.

Championship (Rosette) for best Hereford 2c The Miss Ellen Thomas

Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Hereford Exhibit:

Winner 19 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm; Reserve 14 L & L Bowen, Tydd Farm.

Championship for the best pure native beef breed 1c Peter Wood & Sons

Perpetual Challenge Cup: Champ 19 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm; Reserve 14 L & L Bowen, Tydd Farm.

Championship for the best pure native beef breed 2c (a) The Hudstone shield for the Best pure native beef championship:

Champ 19 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm; Reserve 14 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm.

Championship 5c The Dalgetty Crossfields Cup for the best pair of Beef Cattle: Champion 14 + 19 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm; Reserve 4 + 3 Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm.

Championship 6c

The Herbert R Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Beef Classes:

Champion 19 L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm; Reserve 2 Gareth Jenkins, Ty Newydd Farm.

Class 18 Calf under 12 months on day of show:

1st 28 VJ Thomas & Son.

2nd 27 Sophie Powell.

3rd 29 VJ Thomas & Son.

Class 19 Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of the show (not in calf):

1st 71 RJ Lougher.

2nd 32 VJ Thomas & Son.

3rd 31 VJ Thomas & Son.

7c Mervyn Thomas Dros-Y-Mor Perpetual Challenge trophy (winner of class 19):

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Class 20 Heifer in calf:

1st 34 VJ Thomas & Son.

2nd 72 RJ Lougher.

3rd 36 VJ Thomas & Son.

Class 21 Cow in calf but not in milk - any age:

1st 36 VJ Thomas & Son.

2nd 73 RJ Lougher.

3rd 37 VJ Thomas & Son.

Class 22 Heifer in milk:

1st VJ Thomas & Son.

2nd Sophie Powell.

3rd RJ Lougher.

Class 23 Junior cow in milk (2nd/3rd lactation only):

1st 42 Sophie Powell.

2nd 76 RJ Lougher.

3rd 77 RJ Lougher.

Class 24 Senior cow in milk (4th lactation and above):

1st 47 VJ Thomas & Son.

2nd 78 RJ Lougher.

3rd 79 RJ Lougher.

Class 25 Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifers:

1st VJ Thomas & Son.

2nd O Anstey & Son.

3rd RJ Lougher & Son.

Championship For the best Holstein exhibit. 10c The Glynnie Clay Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Holstein Classes:

Champion Sophie Powell; Reserve VJ Thomas & Son.

Class 31 Best Pair of Dairy Females, owned and shown by the same Exhibitor:

1st 85 RJ Lougher, Ty Tanglwyst Farm.

2nd 62 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

3rd 62 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

14c The Bill Francis Memorial Challenge Trophy: Champion 85 RJ Lougher, Ty Tanglwyst Farm; Reserve 62 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

Class 32 Group of 3 Dairy Cattle owned by the same Exhibitor:

1st 89 RJ Lougher, Ty Tanglwyst Farm.

2nd 63 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

3rd 88 RJ Lougher, Ty Tanglwyst Farm.

15c The Corporation of Cowb (winner of class 32):

Winner 89 RJ Lougher, Ty Tanglwyst Farm.

Championship For best dairy Calf (Classes 18, 19, 26):

Champ Granville, Gelli Farm Cefn Cribbwr; Reserve VJ Thomas, Pancross Farm.

Championship for best Heifer in Milk (Classes 22 & 29):

Champ VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm; Reserve Sophie Powell, Tyr-y-wen Farm.

Championship For best Cow in Milk (Classes 21 & 28):

Champ Sophie Powell, Tyr-y-wen; Reserve J Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

Championship for the Best Dairy Cow or Heifer in the Show:

16c The TJ Yorwerth Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup:

Champ Sophie Powell, Tyr-y-wen; Reserve VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

Supreme Championship for the best exhibitor in the Cattle Classes. 20c The Wyndham Ivor Radcliffe Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup:

L&L Bowen, Tydd Farm.

Class 33 Handler 12 and under on the day of the show. Calf 12 months and under - any breed:

1st 64 Sophie Powell, Tyrywen Farm.

2nd 65 RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm.

Class 34 Handler ages 13-18 on the day of the Show. Calf 12 months and under - any breed:

1st 66 Sophie Powell, Tyrywen Farm.

2nd 67 VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

3rd V J Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm.

18c The P J Llewellyn Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 33):

Winner 66 Sophie Powell, Tyrywen Farm.

Class 35 Handler 19-26 on the day of the Show. Calf 18 months and under - any breed:

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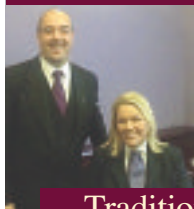
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Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 3rd September at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Ty Hapus day care and Ty Hafan in memory of David.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis. Further enquiries telephone 01446 407962.

LEWIS
Lyndis

The family would like to announce the sad and sudden death on Friday, 17th August 2018 of Sylvia Lyndis Lewis (Lyndis) of Woodlands Close, Westgate, Cowbridge from a stroke. She leaves her husband Ceredig, daughter Amanda, son Justin and daughter-in-law Pippa. Lyndis will be sorely missed by many family members and friends.

The funeral service will take place at Ramoth Chapel, Cowbridge on Friday, 24th August 2018 at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only please, but donations, should you wish, to Arthritis Research or the Stroke Foundation c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HE. Tel No. 01656 650831

HARRIS
Robert Clive

Peacefully on 12th August at the University Hospital of Wales, Robert, well known of Cadoxton and for his keen love of fishing. Much loved brother of Adrian, special brother-in-law to Julie. A loving cousin of Phil, Karen, Margaret and families.

Robert is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St Cadocs, Old Village Church, Cadoxton on Thursday, 30th August at 11am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to The Dogs Trust, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG in memory of Robert.

The family wish to thank all staff of College Fields Nursing Home and ward A2 North at UHW for their exceptional care and support shown to Robert.

PREW**Marion (formerly Black)**

Linda and Roy Donovan and family would like to thank family and friends for their support and donations in lieu of flowers at mum's passing.

Also, they would like to thank Golau Careidig for the friendly care she received and a special thanks to Lyndsay and his team for the professional help in arranging mum's farewell.

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Signed: **Vivienne Cafaro**
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SCHRADER**Constance Patricia (Connie)**

(of Llanmaes, formerly of St Johns Close, Cowbridge. 94 years young)

It is with great sadness, is announced the unexpected but peaceful passing on Wednesday, 15th August 2018 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Dear mother to Annie, widow of Bill, nanny to Daniel and Marie, great nanny to Scarlet and Gunner. Beloved sister, sister-in-law, auntie and friend to many. Loved by her extended family.

Funeral to be held on Thursday, 30th August, 12 noon at St Cattwgs Church, Llanmaes, followed by a private burial.

Special thanks to the ambulance crew who attended on Monday, 13th August, doctors and nurses in A and E and doctors and staff on Ward 7 for their support and makings mum's passing so pain-free and peaceful. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o W. James & Sons, The Chapel of Rest, Fommon, CF62 3BJ or at St Cattwgs Church on the day. Please wear splash of colour.

MOTTON**Elizabeth Teresa**

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Betty will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Friday, 7th September at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Parkinson's UK in memory of Betty.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ben Hartery. Further enquiries telephone 01446 407962.

NUNN**Sylvia (née Crompton)**

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Funeral service to be held on Thursday, 30th August 2018 at St. Peter's Church, Dinas Powys at 1pm, followed by interment at St. Andrew's Major Cemetery at 2pm.

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CHADWICK**Lyn (Chad)**

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Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Tuesday, 28th August at 11am. No flowers please.

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Joan Diana

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REYNOLDS**Carol Florence**

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Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 29th August. Service in the chapel at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

CLOSE**Eddie**

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If you find it hard to imagine the galaxy, I can think of no better description than one given by the late, great Sir Patrick Moore. He suggested that, if we could look from the outside of our galaxy, it would look like two fried eggs back to back.

Cygnus the Swan is now right overhead marked by the bright star Deneb but the constellation looks more like a cross than a Swan. The other two members of the 'summer' triangle - Vega in the constellation of Lyra - and Altair the Eagle, are also well placed for viewing.

Very low down on the southern horizon, the planet Mars can be seen and its red colour should be enough for you to spot it. The Moon will also lie close to Mars on the 19th and 20th.

We also welcome a visitor, Comet 21P/Giacobini-Zinner. Discovered in 1900, it takes between six and seven years to orbit the Sun once. We call these 'short period comets'. In fact, any comet that takes less than about 200 years to orbit the Sun are known as short period.

Comets that take longer are known as 'long period comets'. To locate it (as it is not expected to reach naked eye brightness), try one of these ways.

Find Deneb and, using binoculars, follow the Milky Way down between the east and north horizons. You should see a naked eye star, Capella marking the constellation of Auriga.

On the third of the month the comet will be very close to this star. It should appear as a fuzzy blob, just like an out-of-focus star. Or try looking with the naked eye between the two horizons for the brightest star you can see - which should be Capella.

Alternatively, come to one of our observing sessions and we will do our best to show it to you.

It is often said that the constellations look nothing like the names assigned to them and this is true! One that 'bucks the trend', however, is Delphinus, the Dolphin. To locate it look below Cygnus and find Altair in the Eagle; now let your eyes focus to the left of this bright star.

The area is not so hot in having bright stars around, but the shape of a dolphin standing on its tail, side on with the head facing left can be seen clearly towards the east horizon. With a little practice and plenty of imagination, this dolphin will soon be performing tricks for you...

Jupiter can be located in evening twilight. On September 14 the crescent Moon will be to the left of this giant planet. The next evening the Moon will be above the bright star Antares, while on the 17th the Moon will appear close to another giant planet, Saturn.

But don't just use the Moon as a guide to other celestial objects, any optical aid will show a wealth of detail on its surface. More craters than you can shake a stick at.

If you would like a guided tour of what can be seen on a clear night, check out our website for details of when we hold observing sessions. We will be happy to show you around: www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com

Dave Powell
Barry Astronomical Society

Cream tea for Cancer Research

ON August 16 groups of smartly dressed ladies and a couple of gentlemen gathered at All Saints' Church in Penarth to support Cancer Research UK's afternoon tea party.

When they arrived they were given a fun quiz to puzzle over as well as having the chance to buy home-made jams and marmalades. There was a lucky dip parcel stall which was very popular and also a raffle.

The ladies then enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea of home-made sandwiches and cakes followed by scones with jam and clotted cream. Teas and coffees were served by members of the local committee for Cancer Research UK who had organised the event.

The committee would like to thank All Saints' Church for the use of the gallery space and appreciate the donations



made by several people unable to attend the event. A total of £620 was raised which will help finance research and drug trials being carried out in Wales.

The committee are now busy planning the next event which is to be Coffee, Craft & Christmas. This will take place in the Paget Rooms, Penarth on Saturday, November 24 from 2pm until 3.45pm. ER

Vale MP's eye-opener



Andrea Gordon with guide dog Kayley, Alun Cairns MP and Cathryn George.

A BLINDFOLD walk proved an eye-opening experience for Vale MP Alun Cairns recently.

The MP accepted a challenge by Guide Dogs Cymru to cover his eyes and walk around Plas Eysyllt in Dinas Powys with the help of a cane and a sighted guide.

He encountered cars parked on pavements, wing mirrors, greenery and other hazards which can make life difficult for blind and partially sighted pedestrians.

The event was held in support of Guide Dogs' campaign for a law to prevent dangerous pavement parking. Guide Dogs' mobility expert Cathryn George was on hand to ensure the MP's safety.

Speaking afterwards, Mr Cairns said: "My thanks to Andrea for teaching me the experience she feels every day with cars parked on pavements. It's important to keep your car on the road and be considerate at all times of someone who does not have the benefit of sight. Together, we can make it far easier for Andrea and so many others."

A net washed up at Aberthaw

VOLUNTEER Beach Clean carried out a clean at Aberthaw beach on Saturday, August 18.

On Saturday among the items they removed was a large net.

Organiser Trevor McGarrigle said: "The net was from a commercial fishing boat and had washed up onto the beach. I'd like to thank everyone who helped clean Aberthaw beach. "We are proud of you all."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Walston Castle's charity festival

THE third annual ale festival for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital takes place at the Walston Castle, Wenvoe on Saturday, September 1.

There will be live music, traditional pub games and lots of activities for children. Tickets (£6) available at the Walston Castle.

Help Wick celebrate a 50th anniversary!

WICK Horticultural Society will celebrate its 50th annual open Vegetable and Flower Show on Saturday, September 1 at Wick and Monknash village hall.

As well as vegetables and flowers there are sections for fruit, home baking, preserves and children's crafts. All entries are welcome between 9am and 11.45am at the hall - show schedules are available at Wick shop.

The show opens at 2pm and admission is £1 (including tea and biscuits). There will also be a special guest appearance by Terry Walton, author and regular on BBC Radio 2s *Jeremy Vine Show*, who will be taking questions from the audience.

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Llantwit Major fishing open is a huge success



THE gods were looking down on the Llantwit Major charity fishing open in aid of Parkinson's UK and the Jacob A b r a h a m Foundation.

The weather leading up to the event was not good, but on the day things changed. The wind dropped to a gentle southerly breeze and the fish came on to feed big time.

Ninety-six anglers took part in the event including four juniors, and a massive total of 506 kilos (1113 pounds) of fish were caught, the main species being smooth hounds.

A total of £1,425 was raised, split 50/50 between the two charities. Event organisers Sally Owen and Mark Cowell would like to thank all the sponsors for their kind donations which made this event a great success.

First was ex-world champion Joe Arch with a massive 36.13 kilos, which consisted of nine smooth hounds. Joe was fishing straight in front of the beach car park.

He won £250 donated by Holyhead-based angler Ben Price, who owns his own company BDP Heating and Plumbing.

Joe also picked up the heaviest smooth hound pool of £85 plus the smooth hound festival cup.

A close second was Barry angler and tackle shop assistant at Holton Road Angling Centre, Dan Crump. He weighted in 35.24 kilos consisting of 10 smooth hounds.

Dan was fishing at



The junior fishers.

Boverton and won £150 jointly donated by Chris Read, Sally Owen and Gareth Davies.

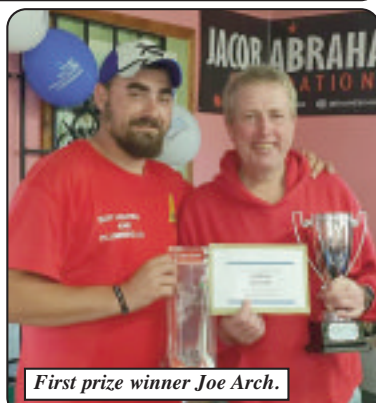
In third place was managing director of Treforest Tiling Ltd, Richard Potts from Tylorstown. He was also fishing at Boverton and weighted in 33.34 kilos consisting of 10 smooth hounds.

Richard won £100 donated by Maria Hughes owner of the Llantwit Major beach cafe.

Fourth place with 30.64 kilos consisting of eight smooth hounds, a bull huss and three conger eels was the current Garry Evans Seamaster champion and 2018 points leader Rory Jenkins from Tonyrefail.

He was fishing at St Donats and won £50 donated by Chris Davies Estate agents.

Fifth place was Chris Equall from Cardiff with 28.09 kilos consisting of seven smooth hounds. He won £50 donated by



First prize winner Joe Arch.

Chris Garner.

Sixth was Roy Tapper from Cardiff with 25.25 kilos consisting of eight smooth hounds and a cover eel. He won £30 donated by local barber Ben Davies.

Bottom-weight in the top 20 was 10 kilos which normally would be enough to win a match. The best rockling pool was won by Iann Jones with a fish of 0.18 kilos: he won £85.

In the pairs section of

the match: first were South Wales Match Men team members Roy Tapper and Dan Crump with a total weight of 60.49 kilos.

They picked up the pairs trophy and £80 pool.

Second were Team Sakuma members Rory and Chris Jenkins (not related) with a total weight of 50.90 kilos. They won £40 pool money.

SO/MC

Got a sports story, match report or item of interest? Then get in touch with us - email sport@glamorgangem.co.uk

Latest news from the Cadoxton Bowls Club

A rearranged CML game was played at Cadoxton against Rhooose with the home side looking for revenge from the drubbing away fixture on the all-weather green.

However the visitors adapted to the conditions much better and finished with 11 of the 14 points available.

Don Kuhnell skipped the only winning rink for the home side in a closely-fought match. After eight ends the score was tied at 4-4. At this stage they moved ahead with four winning ends with one against, to lead 10-5.

The next five ends were taken by the opposition, with the skip playing heavy bowls into the head to turn over the good heads held, through the accuracy of Jim Stacey. They improved to 13-10 in front.

During the remaining ends, after setting up good heads, good blocking bowls were added which frustrated the opposition, and the lead was regained.

Kelvin Chedzoy seemed to be heading for a win with a 11-4 lead after 11 ends. The next end stopped the run with a '5' against and two further losing ends took away the advantage 11-12.

A '4' in reply followed by three singles regained the advantage, but the final three ends were won by the visitors with a '4' on the last to tie the score.

Howard Craven won six ends against five of the first 11 ends to tie the score at 11-11. From then on the visitors took over and only lost on two more ends to win comfortably.

Derek Jeffries rink took a 5-3 lead after six ends only to drop a '5' on the next. From then on each side were successful on seven

ends each, but the opposition always stayed slightly in front.

Scores: G Solomon, D Sulman, W Craven, H Craven 15-26 C Dances, R Behrens, T Lages, P Williams; J Stacey, A Ralphs, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 17-13 D Kendall, S Daubney, M White, G Lages; E Heppenstall, E Davies, M Curtis, K Chedzoy 18-18 M Hicks, R Boardman, N Parry, G Williams; D Tuck, J Papoutsou, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries 15-19 L Willmot, M Banks, T Martin, C Ashdown. Final score: 65-76.

CADOXTON V BLAENRHONDDA - CML 4 (AWAY)

Cadoxton hosted this match against the league leaders Blaenrhondda and although a good attempt was made this young fit side were always going to come out on top on the heavy green.

The only success came from the rink skipped by Derek Jeffries which had a boost with a '6' early in the game to lead 6-3. However a '5' against followed, which gave the advantage away to 7-10 after six ends.

Nevertheless a '4' and a '6' took the home side into a 17-11 advantage after nine ends. The remaining ends were shared with six wins each, but the visitors failed by four shots to close the gap.

Steve Clarke skipped his rink to an 8-2 advantage after nine ends. Eight of the ends were decided with a single shot.

Unfortunately this was followed with two '4's and a '5' against which opened up a gap which was not closed with both sides winning four ends each of the remaining eight.

Howard Craven's rink had a good start of 10-3 after 10 ends, but loses on the next five ends

reversed the advantage to 10-12. The remaining ends were shared with the visitors adding a further shot to the difference.

The opposition against Don Kuhnell's rink soon found the frailties to a full length jack, of the home side, and used it whenever they had the chance.

Jim Stacey competed well against the opposing lead to ensure there were some bowls in the head, but after nine ends the home side trailed 4-8.

A good last bowl on the next end provided a '3' to reduce the difference to just one. The jack was shortened and three singles gained a 10-8 home advantage.

On the next end an attempt, with the last bowl, to take out the shot, unkindly, also moved the jack to increase the shots against to '4' in favour of the visitors.

This was shortly followed by the opposition taking out the shot bowl, on a full length jack, to make another '4'.

A few '2's against took away any further chance for the home side, despite a fighting '2' scored on the last.

This overall success ensured the league title for the visitors, but leaves the home side perilously close to the other end, with just two games left.

Scores: P Ellis, D Sulman, W Craven, H Craven 14-17; J Stacey, K Davies, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 13-22; E Heppenstall, E Davies, A Prince, S Clarke 13-20; J Papoutsou, A Ralphs, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries 24-20. Final score: 64-79.

DK

News from the Romilly Bowls Club

MONDAY, August 6 saw the annual mixed pairs competition at Romilly Bowling Club.

An enjoyable day was had by all participants. The final was played between Alan Bannister and Jo Jeeves against Mel Newman and Jacqui McPherson, resulting in a win for Alan and Jo.

On Saturday, August 11, Romilly A team faced Cadoxton away, and this match was played in very wet conditions with Romilly recording another fine win.

Scores - rink 1: E. Edwards and skip Paul Fortt, L. Jones, P. Clarke 28-8; rink 2: D. Kirk and skip Barrie Griffiths 14-18; rink 3: J. Jones and skip Des James, A. Seviour, A.M. Griffiths 14-12; rink 3: P. Bannister 25-16; rink 4: Jones and skip John Kirk 7-18; Rink 4: J. Daly, S. Simpson, B. Gough and skip Des Bannister 17-8. Aggregate win 86-60.

A special mention for Barrie Griffiths in his first-ever game as skip, at who showed great composure on the final end as he drew a shot into a difficult head to win the rink. Well done Barrie. On Wednesday,

August 15, Romilly faced Belle Vue away in the Munro Cup.

Scores - rink 1: E. Fortt, P. Clarke, P. Swannick and skip Graham Cogbill 19-9; rink 2: A. Jones, P. James, R. Jones and skip Mike Doyle 20-10; rink 3: J. Daly, D. Gough, P. Gershenson and skip Ray Hewitson 11-17; rink 4: D. Mottram, P. Edwards, D. Francis and skip Alan Bannister 15-11. Aggregate win 65-47.

On Saturday, August 18, Romilly A team faced Cadoxton away, and this match was played in very wet conditions with Romilly recording another fine win.

Scores - rink 1: E. Edwards and skip Paul Fortt, L. Jones, P. Clarke 28-8; rink 2: D. Kirk and skip Barrie Griffiths 14-18; rink 3: J. Jones and skip Des James, A. Seviour, A.M. Griffiths 14-12; rink 3: P. Bannister 25-16; rink 4: Jones and skip John Kirk 7-18; Rink 4: J. Daly, S. Simpson, B. Gough and skip Des Bannister 17-8. Aggregate win 86-60.

Well done to all players. Please contact P. James, club secretary, at Romilly Bowling Club if you are interested in playing bowls - all new members would be made very welcome. JWK

Medal joy for Olympians



ABOVE LEFT: Naomi Baelz and ABOVE RIGHT: James Savory.

SPECIAL Olympics Wales recently sent 32 members to the Special Olympics 40th anniversary Games in Stirling, Scotland.

Teams attended from across the UK and there were invited teams from Isle of Man, Denmark, Germany and Macau. The Welsh team had eight athletes from the Vale competing in four sports.

They achieved the following results: James Savory (Barry) badminton, bronze in singles and gold men's doubles (partnered by Stephen Davies from Wrexham); Heather Williams (Barry) boccia, fifth place in singles and sixth place in doubles (partnered by Sonja Pedersen from Cardiff), the pair both training at

Boccia Rollers in Barry: Naomi Baelz (St Athan) bowls, gold in singles and gold in pairs (partnered by Shaun Peregrine from Ammanford).

In the 18 hole golf competition, Sam Lazenbury (Barry) won a bronze medal and in the nine hole competition Matthew Prewett (Penarth) won gold, Gareth Lloyd (Barry) won bronze medal, Mark Eveleigh (Barry) also won bronze (Llantwit Major) finished in fifth place.

A great group of athletes and coaches who are ambassadors for Barry and the Vale.

For more information, contact Jeff Savory at specialolympicswales@gmail.com or call 0780 316 5581.

JS

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for August 20:

1st Mike Pownell & Tony Disley 64.49%, 2nd Mia Deschepper & David Birt 59.58%, 3rd Kevin Maddox & Mike Best 58.41%.

LE

News from Millwood Bowls Club

LOCAL rivals BP Sully Sports visited Millwood Bowls Club recently for this week's instalment of the Munro Cup on a dry but cool evening.

Both teams were ready to do battle and on rink two, Haydn Spencer, Rob Browne, Tony Cole and Paul Childs got off to a slow start.

After seven ends, they trailed 11 shots to 3 at which point the fight back started and winning nine of the remaining 11 ends, ran out 25 shots to 13 winners.

On rink three, Alan Bumford, Nigel Tutton, Dave Lougher and Micky Lucas found their opponents in determined mood for the first 11 ends.

The score was all square but on the last seven ends, they pulled away for a comfortable 21 shots to 9 victory.

On rink four, Brian Crockford, Bryn Webb, Dave Bourne and Steve Sewell got off to a flyer and led 14 shots to 3 after nine ends, but a big effort saw their opponents come within three shots, going down 19 shots to 16.

Over on rink five, John Slee, Arthur Norris, Stan Hopkins and Dave Lewis could not find any rhythm at all and slumped to a heavy defeat, 31 shots to 4.

The upshot of this was that despite winning three rinks to one, the total scores were tied 69 apiece with Millwood taking nine points to Sully Sports' five points.

On Saturday, Millwood hosted Llantwit Major in a Division 3 match and having lost the away match by one shot, the home team were on their mettle to try and reverse that result.

On rink two, Haydn Spencer, Alan Evans, Rob Browne and Maurice Jodrell dropped the first two ends, recovered and did not look back, winning comfortably 30 shots to 15.

On rink three, John Slee, Dave Woodfin, Steve Sewell and Brian Howcroft got off to a quick start taking 7

shots on the first two ends – a position from which they did not falter, winning eventually 25 shots to 15.

Over on rink four, Brian Crockford, Mickey Lucas, Keith Thomas and Mike Williams shared the honours over the first seven ends, but gradually got on top, running out winners 20 shots to 12.

Meanwhile on rink five, Alan Bumford, Tony Cole, Nigel Tutton and Kelvin Lewys found their opponents in determined mood and an afternoon of nip and tuck took place.

Despite scoring a 5 on the 14th end, the visitors were not going to be denied, eventually winning 22 shots to 17 with overall victory going to Millwood 92 shots to 64, taking 12 points to two – a very good result.

Meanwhile, the Millwood A side travelled to Rumney for a Division 6 fixture.

Rink two saw Geoff Stone, Stan Hopkins, Des Cameron and Bryn Webb have a ding-dong battle with some determined opponents with both sides eventually settling for an honourable draw, 17-17.

On rink three, Tony Williams, Gary Smith, Dave Bourne and Arthur Norris got off to a good start. They took the lead on the third end and did not look back, winning comfortably 17 shots to 11.

On rink four, Keith Davies, Alan Bickley, Harry Hodgkinson and Roy Gregory struggled to get to grips with the green and trailed 9 shots to 3.

After eight ends, a strong fightback saw them leading 14 shots to 11 after 15 ends, but a 3 and a 2 dropped on the next two ends saw them lose by 16 shots to 15.

Meanwhile on rink five Derek Gorringer, Paul Childs, Dave Lewis and Roger Willis struggled from the outset and despite their best efforts, they subsided to a 19-7 defeat.

Overall, Rumney won by 63 shots to 56 taking 11 points to Millwood's three.

BH



Left to right: Sally Nugent, champion Ruth O'Carroll, referee Jan Robertson, ladies captain Sam Pascoe and Clare Downton.

Ladies finals are held at golf club



Robbie Lee, Helena Coombes, referee Judy Davies, winner Lisa Taylor and Andrea Page.

ON Tuesday, August 14, the ladies of Brynhill Golf Club gathered to watch the ladies' championship final and the Diack Cup final.

First out was the championship, which was played over 36 holes. Ladies' captain Mrs Sam Pascoe was up against a very competent opponent in Mrs Ruth O'Carroll.

Together with their caddies, Mrs Clare Downton for Sam and Mrs Sally Nugent, who is Ruth's mother, they played an entertaining and competitive match, refereed by Mrs Jan Robertson.

Ruth, was well up after 18 holes, then players and spectators returned to the club house for lunch and a chat.

Unfortunately again, we did have some rain but, with the course needing water, it didn't spoil the day.

The championship resumed with more spectators including club president Hilary West.

Sam battled on but Ruth held her nerve to be crowned Ladies' Champion 2018.

The afternoon competition also included the Diack Cup final. The finalists, Mrs Helena Coombes, with her caddy Mrs Robbie Lee, and Mrs Lisa Taylor, with her caddy Mrs Andrea Page, started their match with referee Mrs Judy Davies – and what an exciting match it was.

With all the spectators now following Helena and Lisa, they gave each other a good game which concluded with Lisa winning the Diack Cup 2018.

The ladies returned to the club in the evening for a delicious dinner. The speeches were entertaining and everyone agreed that it had been a great day of golf and camaraderie.

Ladies' captain Sam Pascoe thanked everyone for attending, and thanked her vice-captain Mrs Jo Kirkpatrick for all her help.

Sam also thanked the greens staff, catering and bar staff, for all their hard work in making the day run smoothly. Another excellent day and evening at Brynhill Golf Club.

LT

Defeat (but points) for Windsor firsts

IT was always going to be tough for Penarth Windsor against unbeaten Dinas Powys and so it proved to be.

Despite the absence of two of their skips, the team managed to win on two of the four rinks and thereby secure four more valuable league points.

At the halfway point Windsor were in the lead but Dinas fought back well and gained a deserved victory by 18 shots.

Stand-in skip Dave Rees was on top form as were Steve Ellard, Frank Coleman and Charlie Lewis, the rink winning 25-17.

There was also a good win for Tom Evans, Dave Hales, Clive Palfrey and Rod Hudson by 23 shots to 19. Not such a happy tale for Ken McLeod, Mike Matthews, Keith Williams and Derek Davies who went down by 22 shots to 13.

Unfortunately, the final rink of Richard Flitney, Pete Morrish, Mal Hope and Ian Paterson took a bit of a hammering by 32 shots to 11.

This week the team travels to Dowla where a win against Guest Memorial would probably secure their league status.

The PG2 team were always up against it during their visit to Dinas Powys and they failed to gain even a rink win, going down by 88 shots to 49.

The only other fixture this week was also against Dinas Powys in the Munro Cup and this trip to the Common did at least yield a three shot victory for the Windsor men.

There were rink wins for Ken McLeod with Keith Williams, David Hales and Richard Flitney and for Matt Woodcock with Tom Evans, Phil Gooding and Clive Palfrey.

PM

Draw and defeat for Sully Sports' bowlers

SULLY Sports Bowls Club's men's team visited Millwood on August 15 in their latest Munro Cup fixture, and on a damp, heavy green, which played well, were fortunate to muster an aggregate 69-69 draw, as they only won one rink to the hosts' three.

K Roman's rink were leading 7-5 at the halfway point (nine ends), and level after 13 ends, but a very strong finish by Millwood, taking the last five ends and scoring 12 shots, gave them, for what seemed unlikely for most of the match, an unexpectedly big 21-9 win.

G Brown's rink were down 2-10 after five ends, and 5-14 down at halfway (nine ends), but winning six of the next eight ends they took the mat on the final end 16-18 down, but Millwood recovered just enough to take the final shot to win 19-16.

Most importantly, the fightback by the Sports rink was important to the overall aggregate position.

A Collard's rink were on fire winning the first 10 ends, to lead 19-0, and kept the pressure on the hosts right up to the finish losing only two ends throughout, to win handsomely 31-4.

C Coomber's rink started well to lead 11-3 after seven ends, but then lost the next 10 ends to be behind 11-25 starting the last end.

With all the other rinks finished, the pressure was on the Sports players, as Millwood were holding a two shot advantage in the aggregate score, but with the last wood Charlie just failed to score the three shots required to snatch the aggregate, but did clinch two shots to secure a draw despite a rink loss of 13-25.

Rink scores: D Woodfin, D Burbridge, L Adams, K Romans 9-21; A Fit, M Stafford, A Middleton, G Brown 16-19; P Collier, J Harries, G Currie, A Collard 31-4; R Knight, P Holland, J Kirk, C Coomber 13-25.

Saturday, August 18 Sully Sports travelled away for a PGI fixture to Whitchurch Hospital, who are in the mix for promotion to Division 2.

There was a bit of a farce before the game could get started, being much delayed due to several home players attending Cardiff City's opening home

Premier League football game.

The conditions were damp and overcast, with a very heavy green which, in the main, played reasonably true.

Whether or not the uncertainty and delay of the match start time affected the Sports players, it was not until the last quarter of the game that they got to grips with the bowling conditions or the better of the hosts and by then, the game was already a lost cause.

Whitchurch Hospital took all four rinks to run up a 85-49 victory and thus 14 points in their quest to get back out of Division Three at their first attempt.

G Brown's rink had their noses in front 3-2 after five ends, but Whitchurch only conceded four more ends with some fine bowling, and rattled up a comfortable win 30-11.

B Matthews' rink were quickly in trouble, being down 1-14 after nine ends, and although they won as many ends as their hosts in the rest of the game, they only managed to pull the deficit back by two shots and lost 10-21.

It was a similar story on C Coomber's rink, which was 1-11 down after eight ends and then proceeded to win nine of the remaining 13 ends, but the home rink managed to restrict the shot count down sufficiently to hold on for a close 15-12 win.

L Romans' rink had a closely-fought game in another low-scoring match, with the scores tied 12-12 after 12 ends, and 15-15 after 17 ends.

Critically it was the hosts, having lost the previous three ends, who took control to outscore the Sports 4-1 on the final four ends, including a single on the last, to take a 19-16 win.

Rink scores: P Robbins, A Thompson, G Currie, G Brown 11-30; R Knight, D Austin, A Middleton, R Matthews 10-21; M Morgan, M Stafford, A Collard, C Coomber 12-15; P Collier, B Whyman, K Romans, L Romans 16-19.

The Sports do not now have a fixture until August 29, when Rumney are the visitors for a friendly.

With Finals Day looming on the horizon, members are urged to take advantage of this fixture break to play any outstanding club cup competitions instead.

MS

Sully Bowls Club news

LAST Wednesday, the villagers of Sully Bowls Club travelled to Cowbridge for their last Munro Cup game on the outdoor carpet.

This is a fast surface and always gives the home side a big advantage and this was reflected in the scores.

After six ends Cowbridge were 20 up but from then on they found the pace and gave them a game with the gap only going to 25 in the end.

The only winning rink for Sully were E Pryer, P Neale, J Best and T Murphy (12-9).

The others fought back manfully but just missed out on points – K

Mahoney, G Neadley, A Thomas, D Curtis 16-20; A Kelly, D Curtin, M Hardy, D Edwards 13-17; R Fitzjohn, J Hubbard, H Thomas, H Levick Jones 6-26. Final score: 47-72.

On Saturday, bottom of the table Fair oak, who play in Roath Park, arrived four players short mostly because of Cardiff City's first Premier League home game, so playing six bowls against eight never really gave them a chance.

Three rinks were comfortable but Dave Curtis' rink left it to the last two ends to turn it around and win 16-15.

Other scores were: G John, R Fitzjohn, A Thomas, D Curtis 16-15; A Rees, E Pryer, H Thomas, J Best 26-7; B Curtis, B Dascombe, T Murphy, D Edwards 22-15; A Smith, H Levick Jones, M Hardy, B Griffiths 39-6. Final score: 103-43.

The 14 points have helped the villagers' push for promotion, and they are now sitting in second place – with three games to go, their destiny is in their own hands.

This week they are away on Saturday to St Albans in Splott.

TM

Munro Cup loss for Belle Vue

IN the last Munro Cup match of the season, Belle Vue lost 48 to 64, one rink winning and three going down.

Rink two lost 9 shots to 19; lead was Colin Scammell, number two was Barry Roberts, number 3 was our captain Paul Paterson and the skip was Frank Keen.

Rink three lost 11 shots to 19; lead was Paul Booth, number two was Dave Smith and number three was Len Fowler; and the skip was our Saturday captain, making a rare midweek appearance, Malcolm Thomas – thank you

Malcolm.

Rink four was our only winning rink, winning 17-11. Lead was Dave Bradley, number two was Gordon Ford and number three was Richard Brant; our skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink five lost 11-15; lead was Dave Huntley, number two was Mike Owens and number three was Graham Duggen. The skip was our newest skip, Dave Rappit (well done, Dave).

Paul thanked everybody for their help and playing this season, especially to Malcolm Thomas for food supplies. Well done Paul, in your first season as captain. FK

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Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THE Vale of Glamorgan Football League returned this past weekend and hit the ground running.

Reigning champions Barry Athletic opened their title defence with a 2-0 over last season's runners-up and Barry Cup winners St Athan, Colburn and Oaten netting for Athletic as they set down an opening day marker.

Cowbridge Town survived a late Penarth Town fight back to win a nine goal thriller 5-4 after being 5-1 up. Island Marine opened their 25th anniversary season with a narrow 1-0 victory over Premier Division new boys Barry Saints.

Sully Sports, finally promoted to the Premier Division after a SWFA rule change, were edged out by Rhoeus 1-0.

In Division One,

Cardiff Airport got off to a flyer as they thumped Cwm Talwg 4-0. Cogan Coronation came away with a 3-1 victory away to SP Billy while Tynewydd and Cadoxton Barry played out a thrilling 4-4 draw.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Imps look like the early favourites as they routed Barry Athletic 6-0. Vale Madrid also made a dream start to the season as they demolished an under-strength Barry Albion 9-0.

St Athan B edged out Island Marine B 2-1 in a combative affair, while Rhoeus B defeated Barry Vikings with a comprehensive 3-0 win. Finally Cadoxton Athletic came away from Cwrt Y Vil with a 3-1 win over Penarth Town B.

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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

ERIC The Third, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin and ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, was a 4-1 winner at Newton Abbot last week.

However, Johns was not the only Welshman to ride a winner there that day.

Earlier in the afternoon, Loran Williams who hails from west Wales where John is also from was successful on *Mister Fizz* and James Davies, son of Grand National-winning jockey Hywel Davies, won on 6-1 chance *Billy My Boy*.

Meanwhile at Worcester the Bowen brothers from Pembrokeshire – Sean and James – also had plenty to smile about.

Sean won the opener on his father Peter Bowen's *Hilary View* and James, riding for top trainer Nicky Henderson, won on *Laughing Luis*.

Adam Wedge, stable jockey to Llanfarcavan's Evan Williams, won on Miss EC Lavelle's *Majestic Moll* which beat the favourite Mr Caffrey.

FLINT STRIKES AT CHEPSTOW
BRIDGEND trainer

John Flint landed the Dribuild Group Handicap over six furlongs at last Saturday's Chepstow evening fixture.

Five-year-old *Field of Vision*, who was partnered by Nicola Currie, and a runner-up in its previous two starts, scored by half-a-length from the bottom-weighted *Somewhere Secret* and was returned at odds of 9-2 in a field of seven runners.

Bargoed-born David Probert, who always likes to have a winner before a Welsh crowd, landed the Best Odds Guaranteed At 188Bet Handicap on *Fantasy Justifier* for Chepstow trainer Ron Harris.

DAI'S MARKET RASEN WINNER

EBBW Vale's evergreen Dai Burchell took the opening Listers' Hands & Heels Selling Hurdle for conditional and amateur riders at Market Rasen last Saturday with his nine-year-old King Alfonso, which won by a length and a half from Tiger Trek.

King Alfonso, which went off the 11-4 favourite, was ridden by Jordan Nailor.

Barrivale Bridge

RESULTS for Barrivale Bridge Club session on August 14:

1. Peter Millar and Mick Green 71.88 per cent; 2nd Simon and Debbie Richards 57.99; 3rd Mike Close and Mike Best 57.64. The handicap winners were Allan Rees and Pat Kirby.

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When point-to-point came to the Vale...

MY long out of print book 'The Races Came Off - The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales', tells how point-to-point racing first came to the Vale.

An extract from the South Wales Daily News dated March 7, 1890 read: 'The programme for the Cardiff races has just been issued. It contains a list of 12 races, six each day. They

are the usual type and call for no comment. Moreover, the interest in them locally is now eclipsed by the point-to-point race which is fixed for March 19.'

The Cardiff races referred to were the two-day programme at Ely Racecourse where horse racing had been taken place since 1855. However, the point-to-point race referred to – in fact there were two races – were for maiden hunters, the property of subscribers to the Glamorgan and Lord

Tredegar Hounds.

The first was for horses not exceeding 15.2 hh, the minimum weight being 11st, 7lb. In the second race the riders weighed out at 13st.

The races were held on a Wednesday afternoon, and the competitors weighed out in the outbuildings of Mr Ralph Thurston Bassett's Farm at Crossways, near Cowbridge.

Mr Bassett, who held the mastership of the Glamorgan Hounds, was a popular sportsman and was solely responsible for the existence of the Cowbridge Hunt Races.

The course for these point-to-point races is said to have commenced at a point between Llandow and Stenbridge. Crossing the Clemenston brook, it took a direction northward, and turning the right and leaving Hilton Farm on the left, it was almost a straight line over the Pinklands,

finishing at the Corrwgs. The course, which was mostly grass, was a stiff one and the distance was about four miles.

Victory in the first event went to Mr H Watson's *Sniton* which a month later landed a selling hunter's steeplechase at Cowbridge Races.

There were 12 starters for the second race – there had been 14 in the first – which was won by Captain Morgan Lindsay's *Brunette*.

Mr Herbert Sarsfield Watson, the son of Mr Jonas Watson, a well-known Cardiff business man, was a popular rider at local meetings and on a few occasions won the Glamorgan Hunt Cup at Cowbridge Steeplechases.

This race, incidentally, was also for horses which had been hunted with either the Glamorgan or Tredegar pack of hounds.

One person who remembered Captain

Morgan Lindsay was Mr WJ Hearden, who was his stable lad from 1919 until 1927. It was Colonel Lindsay by then and Mr Hearden recalled: "He was a real Christian and devout churchman and one of nature's rare gentlemen. He served in the South African war and the 1914-18 war, in which he sadly lost three sons, all I think, in the space of 12 months."

Col Lindsay trained many winners from his mountainside training ground at Ystrad Mynach and among those to ride for him were Fulke Walwyn, Evan Williams and Harry Llewellyn.

The South Wales Daily News reporter, Cosmos, did not seem entirely satisfied with the conditions of entry for these races. He wrote: "When the conditions

were framed, the limiting of the animals' height to 15.2 was done in order to give the smaller animals – of which there are so many in the hunt – a reasonable expectation of carrying off the trophy, but the intention failed, because weight was not allowed for inches, as it should have been."

He also went on to say: "The framing of these conditions did not allow a bona fide farmer to enter his horse in either of the races. Such a small courtesy would cost nothing and would cement many a friendship." Cosmos, it seems was not only an outspoken man, but a wise man too. *Next time: The Glamorgan Hunt hold their point-to-point races during the 'Hunt Week'.*

BRIAN LEE

Busy weekend at golf club



President's Bowl winner Andrew Canning (pictured with president Colin Champ).

THE busy schedule of club competitions continued over the weekend at Wenvoe Castle, and unusually some heavy rain showers were welcomed as the course certainly need some water to soften the baked fairways.

There were two Board competitions on offer and both attracted large entries. First up on Saturday was the 75th Anniversary Cup, a stableford pairs competition for both ladies and gentlemen.

The winning pair were Gary Butt and Alun Wheatley who recorded an excellent score of 45 points. Runners-up were Craig Miller and Terry O'Grady with 44 points ahead of Glyn Jones and Terry Parsons on countback.

On Sunday the very popular President's Bowl was played as an individual stableford for both ladies and gentlemen, all keen to get their hands on this prestigious trophy.

The winner was Andrew Canning who posted a remarkable score of 43 points to be well ahead of the field and genuinely won't be too unhappy to see his



Runner-up Karen Ball.

handicap tumble by a couple of strokes.

The runner-up was Karen Ball who recorded the best ladies' score of with an excellent 38 points and squeezing out club captain Mike Chick by the narrowest of margins on countback.

Club president Colin Champ kindly provided each player with a well-received basket meal as part of the traditional post game refreshments and thanked all the members for supporting the competition.

He gave particular thanks to the green keeping staff for preparing the course in challenging weather conditions and the club staff for their excellent service throughout the day.

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Barry Town United are off the mark after controversial goal

BARRY Town United are off and running in this year's JD Welsh Premier League, with supporters treated to an absorbing 3-2 win over Bala Town at Jenner Park.

The Sunday afternoon fixture marked the first time Barry had scored a victory over the 2017 Welsh Cup winners, though the visitors from Maes Tegid saw their hopes dashed in the most unorthodox fashion, crumbling at the end of this exciting encounter, as the hosts turned their positive play into precious points.

With Barry boss Gavin Chesterfield making just one change from the 5-1 defeat at TNS, forward Jonathan Hood came in for midfielder Marcus Jones to give the Town a distinctly attacking flavour.

It appeared though that Barry were in for a difficult day when an unmarked Chris Venables headed home from Henry Jones' free-kick to notch a soft opener for the travelling Lakesiders, as early as the 12th minute.

However, Town weathered this initial storm, before levelling in the 33rd minute as

Hood fired a confident, low effort from a tight angle into the bottom corner.

The turnaround was complete in first-half stoppage-time, as newcomer Tom Fry lifted in a sublime free-kick from distance, leaving established Bala Town goalkeeper Ashley Morris reeling at his near post.

Scored from a re-take, Fry's fine finish saw he and father Chris Fry become the first father and son to have netted for Barry in the Welsh Premier League, with Chris opening his account in August, 1999.

Into the second period, Barry looked to take on a 3-1 advantage when striker Kayne McLaggon put away Chris Hugh's cross, only for the north Walesians to be controversially spared by the offside flag.

There was no such luck though for Bala in the 75th minute, when Sean Smith saw red for a second bookable offence, the former Wrexham FC defender wiping out Barry's spritely Macauley Southam-Hales.

The Lakesiders had not yet thrown in the towel and they equalised with eight minutes remaining, as Venables capitalised on further defensive



Tom Fry celebrates after scoring a sublime free kick.

frailties to head in his and Bala's second goal of the afternoon.

At two goals apiece, one might then be forgiven for thinking the game's talking points had already been and gone.

Far from it, as Barry quickly took what would prove a decisive lead, with Clayton Green's box-bound delivery zipping by substitute Drew Fahiya before striking the arm of McLaggon and ricocheting into the Bala net.

As a confused McLaggon celebrated, a handful of the Bala team took their protests to the referee, who stayed firm in the decision that this bizarre goal should stand.

By the time of the restart, Evan Horwood had picked up the day's

second red and Venables would soon join him in the changing rooms after collecting a second yellow, leaving bemused Bala to finish with eight men.

To his credit, manager Colin Caton cut a composed figure in the post-match media, while his counterpart Chesterfield will no doubt remember the decisions that went against his side at a similar point of last season.

Despite the controversy, Barry were ultimately good value for their points on Sunday, showing a steel that might have been missing at times last campaign and getting the job done against a Bala team expected to contend for the European places again come spring.

National title success for Barry Athletic bowler

BARRY Athletic Club recorded its 20th national title in its distinguished history at the recent Welsh Bowling Association Championships in Llandrindod Wells when club chairman Richard Bowen lifted the Senior Singles Championship title.

In a marathon match against Peter Stahl from the Beaufort club, Richard prevailed 21-20 in a 30-end game that lasted well over two and a half hours, drawing a close shot after the Gwent man failed narrowly with his last bowl.

Earlier in the championships, Richard had accounted for Martin Cross from Llandysul 21-7 before another comfortable victory over local bowler Ken Price 21-11 who had lifted the title himself some years before.

The semi-final was a much closer affair with a tight battle against Bob Cummins from the Whitechurch club, with Richard recovering well from 18-13 down midway through the match to run out victorious 21-19.

The final was another tight affair with no more than one or two shots between the players as the game progressed. Stahl from Beaufort then imposed his game and stretched out to lead 10-4 after a dozen ends only to be pulled back by the determined Barry man to edge in front and take a 12-10 lead.

From 16-16 it was a case of which player would hold his nerve as the ends slipped away; from 18-18 Richard secured a vital shot turning the jack with his last bowl to put him within two shots of the title.

However, back came the Beaufort man trailing the jack with his first bowl of the next end to within one foot of the ditch and setting up a match-winning shot with his last bowl; however his last bowl just failed to turn the Barry bowl out of the head, but secured two shots to lead 20-19 and put Stahl within one shot of victory.

The final end was a taut affair, with Richard drawing a close bowl early but failing to develop the position with his next two bowls.

Stahl drew with his



Richard Bowen.

last bowl to claim the one shot needed for victory but narrowly missed the jack and finished 18 inches behind the head, leaving Richard with anything but a straightforward draw to win the title, and the Barry man drew within a foot of the jack to secure the important two shots to claim victory and record the club's 20th national title.

It was a poignant victory too coming 22 years after the passing of former club chairman David K Williams, who was laid to rest just one week before the finals.

David had been successful in the same event in 1996 and after the event Richard dedicated the victory to David K Williams who had contributed so much to the Barry club over many years.

In the Private Greens League, Barry Athletic's first team continued their winning run as they look to regain promotion to the top division.

This Saturday, the visitors were Guest Memorial and an impressive performance on the 4Wood green saw the Barry club maintain momentum and winning by 55 shots (113-58) as they push for the promotion places.

There were good wins for the rinks skipped by David Wright 25-14, Robert Horgan 21-11 and Richard Bowen 26-9 which saw the team pick up a valuable 12 points.

A narrow defeat for the rink skipped by Martin Clarke-Squires by four shots (20-24) was the only blemish on the scorecards.

With a home fixture coming up against Pontyclun next Saturday, the club will be looking maintain the very good winning performances that have given them every chance to secure the valuable promotion that has been their prime objective this season.

Stalwart Geoff Whittaker maintained his top position in the first team win ratios, and has now won 11 of his 14

games this season.

The Athletic's second team, having already secured their status in the top division for next season narrowly lost their away fixture in Aberdare but still managed to pick up four points to ensure that they will retain their place next season.

Wins for Tim Morgan and the irrepressible Gwynfor Parr were not enough to cover the shot deficit on the rinks of Paul Webley and Andy Cooper although the latter almost managed to secure another two points narrowly losing on the final end.

This has been a very credible season by Johnnie Jones and his players, with many team changes from week to week and is a testament to strength in depth that is being developed at Barry Athletic and bodes well for the future.

The week finished well for the Athletic bowlers as they progressed on Sunday to the quarter finals of the Barry bowl with a tough fought victory over a youthful Thomastown team on the 4Wood green at Barry.

It was the visitors that started brightly making light work of a damp surface and opened up a nine shot lead after four ends but the Barry engines gradually moved through the gears to compete more in the heads and after 10 ends they held a slender advantage.

With the momentum building, Richard Bowen's rink put together eight winning ends out of nine to build a 21-9 advantage and with Glyn Thomas's rink always in the ascendancy, it created a comfortable margin for the two Barry rinks as they entered the closing stages.

A final winning margin of 12 shots with Glyn Thomas's rink winning 23-20 and Richard Bowen's rink winning 24-15 ensured a smooth passage to the draw for quarter finals of the competition which will be played on neutral greens.

The club will have the opportunity for further honours on Friday when they will compete for the Private Greens Single Rink title at the Lanbradach Club against Penarth Bowls Club after overcoming a strong Penylan rink in the semi final in early August.

Kick off is 5.30pm and all supporters are welcome. **RB**

Moore takes Brynhill's 1st club final

THE first 'major' of the season was decided on Friday evening, when Alan Sweeney and Mitchell Taylor Moore squared up for the Wick Williams final in a tense, thrilling, nip and tuck encounter.

Taylor Moore just edged it with a narrow seven and six victory on the par three twelfth.

Sunday saw two trophies contested with Micky Perry sneaking the Chris Smith Cup with a solid 41 points, just one ahead of Kevin Perry.

Meanwhile in the RAF Cup, where Paul Clarke squeezed out notorious bandit Peter Stafford, both players finishing on 37 points with Clarke nicking it on the back

nine countback.

On Monday the annual Brynhill seniors' open took place. Split into two categories, over-55s and the over 69s, this well-supported day drew competitors from far and wide.

Coming out on top with a fine 42 was Alan Bannister, three better than Keith Stephenson and Mike Fairhurst, who lost second place on the back nine.

Winner of the Dennis Hayden Trophy was Colin Braddon, while special mention goes to Mike Underdown, who flushed a four iron over 90 yards for an eagle on the par five 18th.

This Sunday sees the rearranged second day of a rainied-off Captain's Prize.

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Centurions seconds edge league leaders

WITH the first XI match being abandoned, Sully Centurions second XI took centre stage as they entertained league leaders Vale CC at Burnham Avenue and ran out winners in a match that could have gone either way.

Batting first on an overcast, but warm, day, Centurions opening pair of Tom Davies and Russell Thomas put on 71 for the first wicket when Thomas was caught off the bowling of Merry for 27.

Dan Chaulk was next out, caught for 14 with the score on 91. Then Nick Jones and Tom Davies added 48 for the third wicket before Davies went for a well-made 63.

Nick Jones eventually fell with the score on 146 and he was quickly followed by Patrick Lane and Dave Morgan for the addition of only two more runs.

Jason Hicks (6 not out) and Harish Hirani (11 not out) took Centurions to the final total of 165 for 6. Young Aaron Davies, son of former Centurion man Andrew Davies, was Vale's best bowler with 3 for 17.

After tea, Vale started well, with the

first wicket falling for 40, but another wicket fell in the next over and they soon began to fall at regular intervals, with Dan Chaulk bowling well, to dismiss four batsmen, including a superb caught and bowled to remove Sheppard for 11.

In spite of some middle and late order resistance the target was to prove out of reach for Vale and they finished on 146 for 8, 20 runs short of victory. Vale's best batsman was Merry, who hit 41.

Sully Centurions seconds 165-6, Vale seconds 146-8.

This Saturday sees the first XI travel to Hopkinstown for the penultimate match of the season, with the seconds at home to Hopkinstown second XI. Once again all players are asked to inform the captains of their availability.

On Sunday, an extra junior coaching session will be held at Burnham Avenue, with former Centurion skipper Jamie Sylvester (an ECB Level 3 coach) leading.

The session is for players aged up to 12 and commences at 10am - all juniors, old or new, are invited to attend.

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